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Office of Native Affairs and Policy

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Subject: FCC Announces Tribal Consultation on Proposed Missing and Endangered Persons Emergency Alert System Code

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) will convene its first Tribal consultation regarding a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM), FCC 24-30, proposing that a new Missing and Endangered Person (MEP) event code be added to the nation's Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The Tribal consultation on the proposed MEP code will take place on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM Central Time in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, one day prior to the FCC's Tribal Workshop hosted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Both events will be held at the Indigo Sky Casino and Resort, 70220 East HWY 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370. Please see the [FCC Event Page](#) for more information.

The NPRM was published in the [Federal Register](#) on April 18, 2024, announcing that public comments are due May 20, 2024, and reply comments are due June 17, 2024. The Commission directed its Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) to coordinate government-to-government consultation with Tribal Nations about the topics raised in the NPRM.

The EAS is a national public warning system, through which TV and radio broadcasters, cable systems, and other service providers deliver alerts to the public to warn them of impending emergencies and dangers to life and property. While a widespread concern, the issue of missing and endangered persons is particularly prevalent in Tribal communities, where American Indian and Alaska Native people are at a disproportionate risk of experiencing violence, murder, or vanishing. The FCC proposes adopting the new MEP EAS event code to facilitate the rapid and coordinated delivery of alert notifications about missing and endangered persons to the public in a uniform and consistent manner and is seeking public comment on this proposal.

How to Register for May 14th Consultation:

All attendees must register to attend the consultation. To register or to ask any questions about the consultation, please send an email message with the subject line "May 14 MEP Consultation" to Tribal.Events@fcc.gov by Monday, May 13, 2024. This is an email in-box monitored by ONAP staff. In your message, provide the names, titles and Tribal affiliation of anyone attending. In providing Tribal affiliation, please provide the Tribe name, and specifically indicate whether the participant is an elected or appointed leader or duly appointed representative of the Tribe. If you cannot personally attend and wish to designate a proxy(ies), please specify who is authorized to speak on your behalf in the registration email. You are encouraged to bring public safety staff, information technology (IT) staff, and other interested representatives and personnel from your Nation to the Tribal consultation. If time permits, we may offer a listening session opportunity for those who are not Tribal leaders to ask questions and/or provide remarks after the consultation is concluded.

How to Register for the May 15th Tribal Workshop:

We also encourage you to register for the Commission's free Tribal Workshop on May 15. You may indicate in your request to attend the May 14 consultation described above that you plan to stay for the workshop on May 15 or you can register for the workshop separately by sending your name, title, Tribal affiliation, and contact information, with the subject line "May 15 Workshop" to Tribal.Events@fcc.gov. Any questions about the workshop may be directed to: Jamie.Saloom@fcc.gov or Renee Coles, Renee.Coles@fcc.gov. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by sending an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible as we may be unable to fulfill last minute requests.

If you would like to file comments on the MEP NPRM, you may file them using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard> under proceeding PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, or email Native@fcc.gov.

Thank you for your interest in FCC matters and we hope to see you in Oklahoma.

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