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**Report on FCC Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System broadcasting from
WUSB 90.1 FM Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York.**

Background Info : “At the Federal Communications Commission's June 9, 2011 Agenda meeting, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief Jamie Barnett, joined by representatives from FEMA and the National Weather Service, announced that the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) would take place at 2:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) on November 9, 2011. The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the EAS as a public alert mechanism. EAS Participants currently participate in state-level monthly tests and local-level weekly tests, but no top-down review of the entire system has ever been undertaken. The Commission, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will use the results of this nationwide test to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the EAS as a public alert mechanism, and will work together with EAS stakeholders to make improvements to the system as appropriate.”

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-nationwide-test>

Time of Test: The test was scheduled Nationwide for 2pm EST. WUSB FM 90.1 Stony Brook received the EAS signal at approximately 2:01pm and broadcast the EAS for approximately 59 seconds.

How was signal received? The Emergency Alert Signal was received by WUSB FM 90.1 Stony Brook from the WALK FM 97.5 Patchogue relay radio station.

Quality of broadcast: The EAS equipment and test worked and went out over the WUSB FM 90.1 Stony Brook broadcast .The quality of the signal broadcast was clear with some minor background static that came from the original signal.

Monitoring : The broadcast of the EAS signal from WUSB FM 90.1 Stony Brook was monitored by staff and received in Miller Place , Patchogue, Mastic, Riverhead , Smithtown , Lake Grove, Coram , Port Jefferson Station ,Central Islip, Moriches, Ronkonkoma ,Hauppauge and other areas in the WUSB broadcast range . It was also monitored online and received through the internet broadcast at www.wusb.fm. The required information was reported to the FCC via their online reporting system.