



Beacon Testing

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Beacon testing is not authorized!!

Except in very limited circumstances

The Approval Authority for testing in the USA is
NOAA via your Agency



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- 406 MHz over the air testing is **not authorized** except in the self-test mode
- **All other over the air testing** requires coordination and approval from NOAA-Sarsat via your agency
 - 48 hour advance notice is required for less than 4 operational beacons (Cospas-Sarsat requirement)
 - 30 day advance notice is required for 4 – 6 operational beacons (Cospas-Sarsat requirement)
 - USMCC must distribute system-wide notification to allow all MCCs to filter test data from their system so it is not recognized as a distress alert



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- Tester submits a request via their agency
- USMCC:
 - checks to see if other tests are scheduled for that time
 - checks to see if test duplicates a previous test and therefore is not required
- USMCC Chief reviews and makes recommendation to NOAA
- NOAA approves/disapproves the test



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- Questions?