



406 MHz Emergency Beacon Testing Instructions for Completing the Test Request Form

Please complete the test request form only after you have read the SARSAT Policy on Non-Distress Transmissions and determined that you have a requirement to test that fits within one of the exceptions noted in the Policy.

Submission deadlines: 1-3 beacons - 72 hours (3 business days) prior to first event
4-6 beacons - 30 days before first event
7+ beacons - Test/training not allowed

Use email to submit your request to the relevant agency:

USAF: AFRCC.Console@us.af.mil

The USAF Program POC will be responsible for coordinating all USAF, other uniformed services, Civil Air Patrol, state, test, training, and exercise requests.

USCG: HQS-DG-M-406-TEST-Request@uscg.mil

The USCG Program POC will be responsible for coordinating all USCG and USCG Auxiliary test, training, and exercise requests.

NOAA: beacon.test@noaa.gov

The NOAA Program POC will be responsible for coordinating all other requests for test, training, and exercise.

The requestor should complete all required information on Page 1 of the form, including:

- Requestor Contact information: All pertinent contact information should be included as noted.
- Reason for Request: Provide justification on why the test should be conducted and details on if and how the alert should be distributed. This information is vital to ensuring that the proper coordination can be made with the USMCC and test coordinator. *If more space is needed than is available on the form, please attach a separate page.*
- Activation Details: Provide on-site coordinator contact info, proposed start/end time, duration and location of test. Most importantly, provide the 15- or 23-hex ID and other identifying information for the beacon(s) being tested. *If more space is needed than is available on the form, please attach a separate page.*

NOTE (Added December 2020):

For DOD agencies not located within the United States Area of Responsibility, including the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and their surrounding waters, please provide the details of your beacon test (using the referenced test request form) to the MCC responsible for the location in which the planned test will occur. MCC contact information is located on this [COSPAS-SARSAT Contact Lists](#) web page under "Mission Control Centers." Send a courtesy copy of the test details to the AFRCC at **AFRCC.Console@us.af.mil**, as they function as the worldwide DOD beacon notification point of contact.



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REQUESTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Requesting Agency/Organization _____

Requestor Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Date Submitted _____

REASON FOR REQUEST *(attach separate page if more space required)*

Should an alert message be distributed to a Rescue Coordination Center (RCC)? Yes No

If yes, provide RCC name _____

RCC Point of Contact Name _____ Telephone _____

If an exception is required, please explain _____

ACTIVATION DETAILS

On-Site Coordinator Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Proposed Date _____ Start Time (UTC) _____ Duration of Activation _____
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Location _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____
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Additional activation information *(attach separate page if more space required)*

Complete the following for each beacon:

15- OR 23-HEX ID	BEACON TYPE	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	FREQUENCY	TEST CODED? (Y/N)

Request for 406 MHz Emergency Beacon Test

AGENCY VALIDATION

Reviewed By:

Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

This request has been reviewed and forwarded to NOAA for approval and the requestor has been notified.

This request has been reviewed and has been rejected and the requestor has been notified.

NOAA COORDINATION AND APPROVAL

Type of Request: Testing Exercise Training

USMCC Chief Recommendation: **APPROVE** **DENY**

Signature _____ Date _____
USMCC Chief

USMCC System Manager Decision: **APPROVED** **DENIED**

Signature _____ Date _____
USMCC System Manager

The requestor and sponsor agency have been notified of the status of the request.