



# 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)



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- Tester submits a request via their agency
- Blair Boyd:
  - 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
- Sam Baker reviews and makes recommendation to Steve Roark
- Steve Roark approves the test



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- Questions?