

QuickAlerts Messages August 2014

QuickAlerts – August 5, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Downtime for BATS in Memphis

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable for Business Acceptance Testing (BATS) beginning Friday, August 8, at 6:00 a.m. Eastern Time until August 11, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time for maintenance.

QuickAlerts – August 12, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Downtime for BATS in Memphis Extended

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee is currently unavailable for Business Acceptance Testing (BATS) until further notice. A QuickAlerts will be issued when the system is available.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts – August 14, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Available for BATS in Memphis

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee Business Acceptance Testing (BATS) is now available.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

QuickAlerts – August 15, 2014

Subject: Updated Prior Year Schemas and Manifest Business Rules for Filing Season 2015

The following prior year schemas and business rules to be used for planning and development purposes in support of Filing Season 2015 have been posted on IRS.gov:

- 1040 2012v5.0, 2013v6.0
- 1041 2013v5.0
- 1065 2012v3.0, 2013v5.0
- 1120 2012v3.0, 2013v4.0, 7004 2013v4.0
- 720 2013Q1v3.0, 2013Q2v3.0, 2013Q3v2.0, 2013Q4v2.0, 2014Q1v2.0, 2014Q2v3.0, 2014Q3v3.0, 2014Q4v3.0
- 2290 2014v3.0, 2013v3.0
- 8849 2014v2.0, 2013v3.0
- 94x Annual 2013v6.0, 941 Quarterly 2013v6.0, 941 Quarterly 2014v3.0

Refer to the version's release memo for a description of the schema and business rule updates.

These schemas and business rules will not be operational in the current MeF ATS or Production environments. A full set of business rules for each form type will be published in a later release. If any issues exist with any schema or business rules, they will be documented in the known issues list and made available on IRS.gov.

MeF schemas and business rules can be obtained via the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules page](#).

Please note that an updated XML Analysis Workbook has been posted and can be obtained via the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) XML Standardization page](#).

If you have any questions, please send them to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts – August 22, 2014

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Scheduled Power Outage

The IRS plans to conduct its annual Labor Day Power Outage beginning Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and ending on Monday, September 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The MeF Systems (Production and ATS) will not be available during this time. All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Time Zone.

MeF Production and ATS Downtime

Shutdown will begin on Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 1, 2014.

Important Note: States that schedule retrieval of their state submissions may have to change their schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements by 2:30 p.m. on August 30. Anything not retrieved through MeF by 3:00 p.m. cannot be accessed again until MeF re-opens for Production on September 1.

Deadlines on Saturday, August 30, 2014

Transmitters:

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal) 1:00 p.m.

Retrieving Acknowledgements 3:00 p.m.

States:

Transmitting Acknowledgements 2:30 p.m.

Start Up on Monday, September 1st

Transmitters and States 7:00 p.m.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.
