

QuickAlerts Messages May 2015

QuickAlerts – May 4, 2015

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Shutdown for BATS

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

The Electronic Management System (EMS) will be shutdown permanently on October 1, 2015 for Business Acceptance Testing (BATS) for the 94x Legacy returns. Production filing of 94x Legacy returns filed via EMS will not be affected. This action supports migration to the Modernized e-File (MeF) system as the only method available to electronically file tax returns in Processing Year 2016.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – May 6, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on May 12, 2015

The next Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held on:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

You must register to attend the webinar. To register for this event, use the following link:

<https://events.na.collabserv.com/register.php?id=ff9008207f&l=en-US>

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser.

This virtual workshop will be streamed through WebInterpoint. A conference line will be provided prior to the webinar. It is imperative to complete the system check prior to the webinar to ensure you are able to view and listen to the virtual presentation.

This virtual session will address non-technical questions related to ACA Information Reporting (1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C and 1095-C). The purpose of this webinar is to address questions received from previous webinars and emails to the AIR Mailbox.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

You will find additional information about the AIR program on the [AIR - Did You Know?](#) page.

Send any questions about the AIR Working Group Meeting to [AIR Mailbox](#).

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers.

QuickAlerts – May 6, 2015

Subject: Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) will be unavailable on Saturday, May 16, 2015 and again on Saturday, June 6, 2015. The IRS will be conducting system maintenance on these two Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Eastern. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice.

QuickAlerts – May 7, 2015

Subject: Call-in information for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on May 12, 2015

Participant Instructions

The teleconference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM Eastern Time on May 12, 2015. You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649 or 1-617-231-2734

Event ID: 419910

QuickAlerts – May 11, 2015

Subject: AIR - Update: May 12th Working Group Meeting Presentation Material Posted

The May 12 Presentation Materials have been posted on the [AIR Program Overview](#) page. This is the presentation which will be used during the Working Group Meeting (webinar).

As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. To register for this event, use the following link:

<https://events.na.collabserv.com/register.php?id=ff9008207f&l=en-US>.

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your Web browser.

Participants should register for webinar no later than 10:00 AM. Eastern Time on the day of the event. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

The teleconference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM Eastern Time on May 12, 2015. You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649 or 1-617-231-2734

Event ID: 419910

Send questions related to the schemas and business rules for the AIR Working Group Meeting to [AIR Mailbox](#).

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers. This will be a non-technical discussion about Forms 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C for TY

QuickAlerts – May 12, 2015

Subject: AIR - Update: May 12th Working Group Meeting Presentation Material Posted

The May 12, 2015, Presentation Materials have been posted on the [AIR Program Overview](#) page. This is the presentation which will be used during the Working Group Meeting (webinar).

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If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your Web browser.

Participants should register for webinar no later than 10:00 AM. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

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Send questions for the AIR Working Group Meeting to [AIR Mailbox](#).

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers. This will be a non-technical discussion about Forms 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C for TY 2014.

QuickAlerts – May 18, 2015

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Power Outage for Memorial Day Weekend

All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Time Zone.

IRS will conduct its annual Memorial Day Power Outage beginning Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 10:00 p.m. and ending on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 a.m.

The Modernized e-File Systems (both Production and ATS) will not be operational during this timeframe. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems to transmit business/individual/state tax returns, retrieve acknowledgements or submit any other service requests.

Monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – May 20, 2015

Subject: AIR - May 28, 2015, Working Group Meeting

The next Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held on:

Thursday, May 28, 2015

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link:
<https://events.na.collabserv.com/register.php?id=ef800d2e9d&l=en-US>

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

This virtual session will be streamed through WebInterpoint. The teleconference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 28, 2015. You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649 or 1-617-231-2734

Event ID: 420070

If you need technical support please call AT&T Connect Support at 1-888-796-6118.

This meeting will include a high-level overview of the Draft Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)*. This publication contains general and program specific testing information for use with ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS). AATS refers to both the process and the system used to test software and electronic transmissions prior to accepting Software Developers, Transmitters and Issuers into the AIR System.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

Send any questions about the AIR Working Group Meeting to [AIR Mailbox](#).

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QuickAlerts – May 20, 2015

Subject: Draft Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)*

An early look of the Draft Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)*, has posted to the [AIR Program](#) page. This publication contains general and program specific testing information for use with the ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS).

AATS ensures that prior to Production: The IRS can receive and process the electronic information returns; Software Developers, Transmitters, and Issuers can send electronic information returns and retrieve Acknowledgments; and Software Developers, Transmitters, and Issuers use the correct format and electronic filing specifications for AIR.

A new QuickAlerts will be issued when the Final Publication 5164 is available.

Send questions related to the Publication 5164 for the AIR Working Group Meeting to [AIR Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts – May 22, 2015

Subject: Routine Memorial Day power outage begins May 23

IRS will conduct its annual Memorial Day power outage beginning Saturday, May 23, 2015, starting at 10:00 p.m. Eastern and ending Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 a.m. Eastern. E-Services Registration, Transcript Delivery System, Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching and e-file application tool will not be available during these times.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – May 22, 2015

Subject: AIR - Update: May 28th Working Group Meeting Presentation Material Posted

The May 28, 2015, Presentation Materials have been posted on the [AIR Program Overview](#) page. This is the presentation which will be used during the Working Group Meeting (webinar).

As a reminder you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link: <https://events.na.collabserv.com/register.php?id=ef800d2e9d&l=en-US>

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