

# QuickAlerts Messages November 2013

## QuickAlerts – November 3, 2013

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS) Unavailable

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable for production transmissions from 12:00 AM to 8:00 AM CST on Monday, November 4, 2013.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

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## QuickAlerts – November 5, 2013

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS) Downtime

The Electronic Management System, located at Martinsburg, West Virginia and Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Eastern time on Friday, November 8, 2013.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation.

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## QuickAlerts – November 8, 2013

**Subject:** Adding MeF Internet XML to your *e-file* Application as a transmission method for Forms 1041 and 94x

If you are a transmitter or software developer and plan to transmit Forms 1041 and/or 94x through MeF, you will need to update your [IRS e-file Application](#). Please access your e-file application and select "Form(s)" from the menu page. Next select the applicable provider option of transmitter or software developer, then select Form 1041 or 94x and MeF Internet XML. Be sure to save the change. This action must be completed for each form type you intend to transmit.

States: No action is necessary. IRS will update the e-file application of States who plan to participate in the 1041 MeF Fed/State program.

If you have further questions, please contact the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

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## QuickAlerts – November 9, 2013

**Subject:** Unscheduled Downtime - Electronic Management System (EMS) Is Back Up Online

The unscheduled downtime completed at 4:00 a.m., Eastern on November 09, 2013. The system is now operational and production has resumed.

Thank you for your patience and support.

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## QuickAlerts – November 6, 2013

**Subject:** Preparers Suspected of Filing Inaccurate EITC Claims Receive Warning Letters

During November and December 2013, the IRS will send letters to preparers suspected of filing inaccurate EITC claims. The letters detail the critical issues identified on the returns, explain the consequences of filing inaccurate claims for EITC and advise preparers that IRS will continue monitoring the types of EITC claims they file. Filing inaccurate EITC claims may result in penalty assessment, revocation of IRS e-file privileges and other consequences including barring preparers from tax return preparation.

IRS also plans to conduct visits to some tax preparers in efforts of providing education and outreach on meeting EITC Due Diligence requirements.

Avoid penalties. Visit [EITC Central](#) to learn more about IRS compliance initiatives and EITC Due Diligence.

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#### **QuickAlerts – November 12, 2013**

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS) - BATS Unavailable

The Business Acceptance Testing System (BATS) will not be available Wednesday, November 13, 2013. We anticipate it being operational starting on Thursday, November 14, 2013. A QuickAlerts will be issued when the system is available.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

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#### **QuickAlerts – November 14, 2013**

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS) - BATS Available

The Business Acceptance Testing System (BATS) is available for transmissions. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused you.

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#### **QuickAlerts – November 14, 2013**

**Subject:** 1040 Modernized e-File (1040 MeF) Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule

To ensure that all Form 1040 tax returns e-filed through the Modernized e-File (MeF) system are processed timely, the following 1040 MeF Production shutdown/cut over and acknowledgment retrieval schedule has been established. It is imperative that everyone adhere to the schedule shown below.

#### **1040 MeF Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule**

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in order to prepare the system for the upcoming 2014 Filing Season.

#### **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 11:30 a.m., Eastern on November 23rd.

Anything not retrieved thru MeF by 11:59 a.m., Eastern on November 23rd, cannot be accessed again until MeF reopens for 1040 MeF Production in late January or early February 2014.

## **Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 23, 2013, Eastern Time**

### **Transmitters:**

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal)	10:00 a.m.
Retrieving Acknowledgements	11:59 a.m.

### **States:**

Transmitting Acknowledgements	11:30 a.m.
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## **MeF Assurance Testing System (ATS) Schedule**

ATS will remain open throughout this production shutdown/cut over period (11/23/2013 - 01 or 02/2014).

Important Note: BMF returns are not impacted by this IMF Production Shutdown/Cut over schedule.

## **Business MeF Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule**

Shutdown is tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 11:59 a.m.

A QuickAlerts outlining the exact timeframes to Send Submissions or retrieve federal/state Acknowledgements will be issued in early December and the times will be posted on the [MeF Status Page](#).

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

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### **QuickAlerts – November 18, 2013**

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS System Unavailable

The Modernized e-File Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) System is experiencing an issue. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from sending any service requests to ATS until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlert when the ATS environment is operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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### **QuickAlerts – November 18, 2013**

**Subject:** Modernized e-File ATS System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS was successfully brought back online at 3:30 p.m., Eastern on November 18, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

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### QuickAlerts – November 20, 2013

**Subject:** MeF ATS System Unavailable

The Modernized e-File Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) System is experiencing an issue. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from sending any service requests to ATS until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the ATS environment is operational.

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### QuickAlerts – November 20, 2013

**Subject:** Unscheduled Electronic Management System (EMS) Maintenance Build

The Electronic Management System located in Memphis, Tennessee will be down from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Central Time on Thursday, November 21, 2013. This unscheduled downtime will allow IRS to deploy critical production system updates.

Please refrain from sending information during this time.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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### QuickAlerts – November 20, 2013

**Subject:** Modernized e-File ATS System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS was successfully brought back online at 10:00 p.m., Eastern on November 20, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

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### QuickAlerts – November 20, 2013

**Subject:** Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS Maintenance Build

Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS environment will be down from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., Eastern Thursday November 21, 2013. Please refrain from sending any service requests during this time.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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### QuickAlerts – November 21, 2013

**Subject:** 1040 Modernized e-File (1040 MeF) Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule

**Pending shutdown for Individual 1040 Modernized e-File (MeF)**

This is a reminder that the shutdown for 1040 MeF begins Saturday, November 23, 2013.

To ensure that all Form 1040 tax returns e-filed through the Modernized e-File (MeF) system are processed timely, the following 1040 MeF Production shutdown/cut over and acknowledgment retrieval schedule has been established. It is imperative that everyone adhere to the schedule shown below.

#### **1040 MeF Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule**

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in order to prepare the system for the upcoming 2014 Filing Season.

**Important Note:** States who 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 11:30 a.m., Eastern on November 23rd. Anything not retrieved thru MeF by 11:59 a.m., Eastern on November 23rd, cannot be accessed again until MeF reopens for 1040 MeF Production in late January or early February 2014.

#### **Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 23, 2013, Eastern Time**

**Transmitters:**

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal)	10:00 a.m.
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#### **MeF Assurance Testing System (ATS) Schedule**

ATS will remain open throughout this production shutdown/cut over period (11/23/2013 - 01 or 02/2014).

**Important Note:** BMF returns are not impacted by this IMF Production Shutdown/Cut over schedule.

#### **Business MeF Production Shutdown/Cut Over Schedule**

Shutdown is tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 11:59 a.m.

A QuickAlerts, outlining the exact timeframes to Send Submissions or retrieve federal/state Acknowledgements, will be issued in early December and the times will be posted on the MeF Status Page. Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

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#### **QuickAlerts – November 25, 2013**

**Subject:** MeF ATS System Unavailable

The Modernized e-File Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) System is experiencing an issue. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from sending any service requests to ATS until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the ATS environment is operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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**QuickAlerts – November 25, 2013**

**Subject:** Modernized e-File ATS System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS was successfully brought back online at 10:30 a.m., Eastern on November 25, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

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**QuickAlerts – November 27, 2013**

**Subject:** MeF ATS System Unavailable

The Modernized e-File Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) System is experiencing an issue. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from sending any service requests to ATS until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the ATS environment is operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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**QuickAlerts – November 27, 2013**

**Subject:** 94x XML Business e-file Final Schemas – Filing Season 2014

The [Final 94x XML 2014 Schemas \(version 4.4\)](#) are now posted to the IRS.gov website. The new schemas are available for testing. We strongly encourage that you test for all new changes.

For more information, see Publication 3823.

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**QuickAlerts – November 27, 2013**

**Subject:** Modernized e-File ATS System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS was successfully brought back online at 4:30 p.m., Eastern on November 27, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

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