

QuickAlerts Messages October 2013

QuickAlerts – October 7, 2013

Subject: New Cookies introduced with the Integrated Enterprise Portal (IEP)

With the rollover of the new IEP portal on Sept 3, 2013, the IRS introduced new cookies, which are used by the architecture to manage site affinity. The cookies called DC and JSESSION are being passed to clients on the Login Service Request and are required to be passed back with all service requests within the same session.

For more details on the cookies please refer to the Portal Transition Guide found on IRS.gov on the [User Guides & Pubs Page](#). If you have further questions please contact the MeF Mailbox (mefmailbox@irs.gov).

QuickAlerts – October 16, 2013

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime for Annual Cut-Over

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) will be taken off-line starting 11:59 p.m. Eastern, Friday, October 25, 2013 lasting until 9:00 a.m. Eastern, Monday, November 4, 2013. The scheduled cut-over includes loading the TY2013 schemas and business rules into ATS. Please note: all existing test submissions for TY2012, TY2011 and TY2010 will be purged starting at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern, on October 25, 2013 except for tests sent in during the last three months prior to shut down.

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

QuickAlerts – October 24, 2013

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As a reminder, new WSDLs will be installed in the MeF ATS environment on November 4, 2013. These new WSDLs will also be required for MeF Production when it reopens for Processing Year 2014. Please note that starting November 4th you will be using the la.alt (<https://la.alt.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for ATS and la (<https://la.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for the Production environment.

If you have not received the new WSDLs dated 08/26/2013, please send an email to the [MeF Maibox](#). The email request must include your company name, and ETIN/EFIN. The required WSDLs will be sent to you as soon as it is verified that you are a valid software developer, transmitter or State user.

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QuickAlerts – October 25, 2013

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) ATS/Production Calls

MeF will resume having the ATS/Production Calls when ATS opens on Monday, November 4, 2013 for Tax Year 2013 testing.

Beginning Monday, November 4, 2013 and lasting through Friday, November 8, 2013 the IRS will host a daily ATS conference call for interested software developers, transmitters and states to discuss any issues or concerns with testing the new tax year schemas. On Friday, we will determine what the call schedule will be going forward and provide those details during the call.

Please refer to the [MeF Status Page](#) for the call schedule and call-in information.

QuickAlerts – October 28, 2013

Subject: Impact of Daylight Savings Time Change on Modernized e-File (MeF)

The IRS would like to alert you to an issue that could occur during the Daylight Savings time change scheduled this weekend. In past years, a few transmitters experienced problems with files created during the hour when the clocks moved.

We recommend that you do not create transmission files during the hour of 1:59 a.m., Eastern to 2:59 a.m., Eastern on Sunday, November 3, 2013. Please adjust the time based on your time zone.

If you experience any problems with transmission files created early Sunday morning, please let us know through the MeF Mailbox.

QuickAlerts – October 29, 2013

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

The IRS plans to conduct its annual Veteran's Day Power Outage beginning Saturday, November 09, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. and ending on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. The MeF System (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, November 09, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

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 8:30 p.m. on November 09, 2013. Anything not retrieved through MeF by 9:00 p.m. cannot be accessed again until MeF re-opens for Production on November 12th.

Deadlines on Saturday, November 09, 2013

Transmitters:

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal)	7:00 p.m.
Retrieving Acknowledgements	9:00 p.m.

States:

Transmitting Acknowledgements	8:30 p.m.
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Start Up on Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Transmitters and States	7:00 a.m.
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Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.
