

QuickAlerts Messages September 2012

QuickAlerts –September 4, 2012

Subject: Update: Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) is Operational

The MeF system became operational at 12:00 Noon, Eastern, today. Thanks for your patience during this extended scheduled power outage.

Note: The scheduled MeF peak production calls will begin today at 4:00 pm, Eastern. Please review the MeF Status Page for the call in number.

Thanks for your participation.

QuickAlerts –September 11, 2012

Subject: Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime

The MeF system will be down from 9:00 pm, Eastern on Saturday, October 6th, until 5:00 am, Eastern on Tuesday, October 9th, (Columbus Day weekend).

A routine system maintenance build along with the power outage will allow the IRS to conduct critical operational and maintenance programs, enhance building infrastructure and upgrade various computer systems.

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

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused.

QuickAlerts –September 11, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Memphis, TN unavailable

The Electronic Management System at the Enterprise Computing Center located in Memphis, TN is currently experiencing intermittent access problems. Until the problem is corrected, you may experience problems connecting to EMS.

A Quick Alert will be issued when the system is available. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts –September 12, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) at Memphis, Tennessee available

The Electronic Management System located in Memphis, Tennessee is now available. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts –September 13, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System Annual Columbus Day Power Outage at Martinsburg

The Electronic Management System (EMS) located at the Enterprise Computing Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia will be unavailable from Saturday, October 6, 2012, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time through Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 5:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

This will affect individual, business, and state returns processed on the EMS located in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, drains will not occur on Monday, October 8, 2012 at Martinsburg or Memphis. Normal processing will resume Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 5:00 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts –September 13, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Martinsburg, West Virginia unavailable

The Electronic Management System at the Enterprise Computing Center located in Martinsburg, WV is currently experiencing intermittent access problems. Until the problem is corrected, you may experience problems connecting to EMS.

A Quick Alert will be issued when the system is available. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts –September 14, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) at Martinsburg, West Virginia available

The Electronic Management System, located in Martinsburg, West Virginia, is now available. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts –September 17, 2012

Subject: Service Request Guidance for Modernized e-File (MeF) Software Developers, Transmitters and States

The document titled *IRS Modernized e-File (MeF) Service Request Guidance for Software Developers/Transmitters and States* was posted to IRS.gov on the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) User Guides and Publications](#) web page and has also been temporarily linked to the [MeF Status Page](#).

It is very important that this guidance be reviewed and adhered to as soon as possible but no later than the beginning of next filing season.

Please send any questions related to this guidance to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts –September 26, 2012

Subject: How to Become an IRS e-file Provider

Effective October 1, 2012, applications to become an IRS e-file provider must be submitted online. We will no longer accept paper e-file applications.

Become an e-file provider in 3 easy steps:

1. Create an IRS [e-Services account](#).
2. Submit your [e-file provider application](#) online.
3. Pass a [suitability check](#).

The online application process takes 4-6 weeks to complete – don't delay, become an e-file provider today.

NOTE: Existing e-file providers must now use e-Services to make account updates.

Help is available at IRS.gov or through the e-Help Desk at 1-866-255-0654 (512-416-7750 for international calls), Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (CST). [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and online [Tutorials](#) are available to answer questions or to guide users through the application process.

QuickAlerts –September 27, 2012

Subject: Publication 4162, Revision September 2012

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs [Publication 4162, Modernized e-File Test Package for Forms 1120, 1120F, 1120S, and 7004 for Tax Year 2012](#), has posted to IRS.gov.

You may contact the e-help desk at 1-866-255-0654 with questions and concerns.