

QuickAlerts Messages December 2018

QuickAlerts – December 6, 2018

Subject: Extended Scheduled Maintenance for both the Modernized e-File (MeF) Acceptance Testing System (ATS) and Production Environments

Both the MeF ATS and Production environments will be unavailable for use Sunday December 9, 2018, beginning at 1:00 a.m. Eastern through 9:30 a.m. Eastern. Maintenance will be performed to ensure the system is functioning at peak performance.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF ATS and Production Systems during system maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – December 9, 2018

Subject: Extended Scheduled Maintenance for both the Modernized e-File (MeF) Acceptance Testing System (ATS) and Production Environments

MeF ATS and Production are unavailable. We will update the [MeF Operational Status Page](#) when ATS and Production are operational.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – December 9, 2018

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Acceptance Testing System (ATS) and Production Environments are operational

The MeF Extended Scheduled Maintenance was completed at 12:15 p.m. Eastern time. MeF ATS and Production platforms are available. We have updated the [MeF Operational Status Page](#).

We apologize for the inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – December 11, 2018

Subject: Scheduled Maintenance December 27 - December 30, 2018

The AIR AATS and Production environments will be unavailable from approximately 6:00 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, December 27, 2018, until approximately 12:00 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday, December 30, 2018, due to planned maintenance.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR AATS and Production environments for both the A2A or UI Channels during this maintenance period. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts – December 14, 2018

Subject: Extended Scheduled Maintenance for Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

MeF Production environment will be unavailable for use Sunday December 16, 2018, beginning at 1:00 a.m. Eastern through 10:30 a.m. Eastern. Maintenance will be performed to ensure the system is functioning at peak performance.

Please refrain from accessing MeF Production System during system maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – December 18, 2018

Subject: Correction to Form 1040 Schedule A Schema

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

Tax Year 2018 / Processing Year 2019 Correction to Form 1040 Schedule A Schema is available. Line5a, StateAndLocalSalesTaxInd, was corrected from a required element to an optional element, minOccurs=0.

Please update your system with the schema version released on December 17, 2018. The release date for this version is December 17, 2018.

Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2018v6.0
- Form 1040 Schedule A, Line 5a StateAndLocalSalesTaxInd

Please check IRS.gov for ATS and Production Availability.

You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages remain for 30 days then are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox by Thursday evening, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts – December 20, 2018

Subject: Scheduled Maintenance December 22, 2018

The AIR AATS and Production environments will be unavailable from approximately 12:00 a.m. Eastern time until approximately 12:00 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, December 22, 2018, due to planned maintenance.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR AATS and Production environments for both the A2A or UI Channels during this maintenance period. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts – December 26, 2018

Subject: Reminder - Business MeF Production will be taken offline tonight at 11:59 p.m. Eastern

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

Attention: MeF Participants

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

Business MeF Production Shutdown/Cutover Schedule

Shutdown for "Send Submissions" began at 11:59 a.m., Wednesday, December 26, 2018, to prepare the system for the upcoming 2019 Filing Season.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

States can continue to use all the service requests necessary to retrieve and process state submissions until shutdown activities shown above. MeF recommends that states adjust their processing schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements.

Any acknowledgements not retrieved by 11:59 p.m. on December 26th cannot be accessed again until MeF opens for production in January 2019.

Please note: MeF ATS (Assurance Testing System) will be operational during this cutover.

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

QuickAlerts – December 27, 2018

Subject: The ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) - Unscheduled Maintenance

The ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environment will remain down for maintenance until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – December 28, 2018

Subject: AIR Production Start-up Schedule for Filing Season 2019/Tax Year 2018

Attention: AIR Participants - Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers

Filing Season 2019/Tax Year 2018 AIR Production for Forms 1094 B/C and Forms 1095 B/C will go-live at approximately 9 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Note: Prior year returns, including corrections and replacements, can be electronically filed once Production goes live.

QuickAlerts – December 31, 2018

Subject: The ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) Environment is Operational

The ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environment is operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience.
