

Disaster data collection has been activated for Kentucky Tornadoes. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has activated the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) to receive information on the status of your communications equipment in the affected area. In DIRS, the storm will have the following name: KENTUCKY TORNADOES.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMMUNICATION ASSETS IN THE AFFECTED COUNTIES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REQUEST.

The area of interest for this activation includes counties in Kentucky:

Kentucky: Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hickman, Hopkins, Lyon, Marshall, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Warren

If you have communications equipment in these counties, the FCC requests that you provide daily reports on the status of your equipment by using DIRS.

Communications providers are reminded that for providers that participate in DIRS, the separate Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) obligations are suspended for the duration of the DIRS activation with respect to outages in the counties where DIRS has been activated.

Time Schedule: We request that you provide the first set of initial reports by 10:00 am (Eastern Time) Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Subsequent reports should be made by 10:00 am (Eastern Time) every day while DIRS is activated. If you have any information early on, we would appreciate it if you would provide that information.

Accessing DIRS: The URL for DIRS is <https://www.fcc.gov/nors/disaster/>.

If any user has any problems accessing DIRS, please contact any of the numbers listed below

Login: Please use your User ID (it is usually the characters before the @ sign on your e-mail address – it is case-sensitive). If you do not remember your password, please use the forgotten password link on the login page.

After you log on, please fill in the reports for the types of equipment that you have in your network in the area of interest that have been affected by the storm.

There is a User Manual available at the DIRS website. If any user has any problems accessing DIRS, please contact any of the numbers listed below.

Coverage Maps: DHS has requested that wireless companies provide coverage maps for the area of interest. If you are providing wireless service in the area of interest, please submit the coverage maps in the DIRS system.

Please feel free to contact any of the following if you have any questions:

- Julia Tu, FCC, at 202-418-0731 or at (202) 321-4399 (cell) Julia.Tu@fcc.gov
- Michael Caiafa, FCC, at 202-277-5189 or at 540-834-7401 (cell) Michael.Caiafa@fcc.gov
- FCC 24/7 Operations Center – 202-418-1122

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this effort.

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