

Raytheon Missile Systems
Experimental License Application
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Explanation of Experiment

Raytheon Missile Systems is a defense contractor that builds and sells a variety of missile systems to the US military and select allies upon approval of the government.

Nature of Experiment:

Raytheon is seeking an experimental license for testing of a Persistent Radios Quad Router System for incorporation into the Paveway missile system. The purpose of this particular testing is to show how the radios can be configured to deliver interactive communication between operators at one location and the missile in use. The testing follows a demonstration that took place in July 2015 for military customers to review the operations to see if it meets their evolving information needs in the heat of the moment. That demonstration was successful and extensive additional work is needed.

The nature of the Persistent Systems radio operation makes it ideal for incorporation into this missile system. The radios are designed to create a readily deployable network, which does not require a network hub for operations. The radios are set up to be both communications devices and hubs all in one. This speeds the deployment of ad hoc networks.

The military is developing increased demands for information on the spot when warfighters are in the heat of the moment. Therefore, top level military officials have developed new requirements for Raytheon's missile systems to deliver interactive communication and two-way information flow when the systems are in use. This is different from the current telemetry data that is traditionally transmitted by the missile systems – which addresses health of the system, flight conditions, flight path, position, etc. The new information is more extensive, and it can be changed, updated and corrected to add precision and effectiveness to the missile system.

The Persistent Systems radios offer an opportunity to advance the missile systems' communications if they can be effectively integrated into the missile systems. This experiment is all about demonstrating the capabilities of the radios by testing their ability to transmit the information needed in a quickly deployed setting, determining how to integrate the Persistent Systems radio into a missile system, testing its effectiveness, and demonstrating the capabilities of the system for customers to determine how to define next-generation needs.

Location of Testing:

The ongoing testing will take place at the Raytheon plant site in McKinney, TX. Testing will be outdoors centered on the Raytheon outdoor antenna test range in McKinney, Texas.

Time of use:

Following the July demonstration, Raytheon is undertaking a further phase of testing to move forward to determine how best to integrate the radio system into the missile system. The radios will be operated sporadically.

Spectrum Needed:

The demonstration will use all of the frequency bands that the radio is capable of employing: 5180-5320 MHz, 5500-5700 MHz, and 5745-5825 MHz. The operation of the radios in the 5745-5825 MHz band would appear to fall under the provisions of Part 15 of the FCC's rules, 47 C. F. R. Section 15.247. However, operation under that rule requires that the radio in question have a proper FCC equipment certification. In this case, the radios are designed for sale to the federal government (military) or for export only. So, Raytheon is seeking this experimental license to allow for use of this radio for the testing and demonstration described above.

All of the bands will be in use for this testing.

The radios will use a small whip antenna. The antenna is an omnidirectional antenna with 3 dBi of gain. This will ensure that the radio signal propagation is limited to the radius of operations. This is just enough to demonstrate the capabilities of the radios without causing any harmful interference to any other spectrum users in the area.

Stop Buzzer Point of Contact:

If there is a need to shut off any experimental operations, please contact:

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Conclusion:

Raytheon is seeking an experimental license for the use of Persistent Systems radios for testing at its McKinney, Texas facility. The radios are being used to test how a new communications network infrastructure can be used to provide advanced two-way communications to and from a missile system when the system is in use. This advance in communications will significantly improve the information available to the warfighter in the field and provide strategic information and allow for alternatives that will improve the quality and performance of the systems.

Should there be any questions about this application, please contact Tom Fagan, Spectrum Manager, Raytheon Missile Systems at 520-794-0227 or tjfagan@raytheon.com or Anne Linton Cortez, WFS, 520-344-8525 or alc@conspecinternational.com.