

Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation
Application for Experimental License

The above-referenced application is submitted on behalf of Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (NGSC) for an experimental license. Its purpose is to permit development and testing of an improved radar system. This work will modify an existing radar system, including the AESA antenna, the radar receiver, and the exciter; and integrate it with frequency agile waveforms. The intention is to achieve and demonstrate operational performance over a wide band of frequencies.

The radar will be frequency agile with center frequencies spanning 16.220 GHz to 17.280 GHz. Transmissions are channelized based on separations of 20 MHz. Wide band waveforms will be centered to restrict emissions to the band from 16.210 GHz to 17.290 GHz.

The waveform will utilize pulse widths of 2 usec to 100 usec. PRFs will be from 500 to 125,000 Hz. Barker Phase Code and Linear FM will be employed. The Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) has 33.1 dBi of gain. The beam width of the antenna is 2.7 degrees horizontal and 4.9 degrees vertical at the 3 dB points and will utilize vertical polarization. The antenna will be fixed at the given location with the main beam centered on an azimuth of 230 degrees relative to true north and scan limits of +/- 40 degrees.