



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Safety Cast Application for STA
in the Experimental Radio Service
File No. 0183-EX-ST-2003

Dear Messrs. Foss and Fawcett:

On April 18, 2003, Safety Cast Corporation filed an application for Special Temporary Authority (STA) in the Experimental Radio Service (File No. 0183-EX-ST-2003). By its experimentation, Safety Cast seeks to test its technology that, it states, uses "an extremely low power, non-commercial, mobile transmitter that will broadcast 'All Hazard' alerts, Amber Alerts, and/or emergency 'alert' messages from authorized public entity vehicles (Police, Fire/Rescue, *etc.*)."

Safety Cast further states its signals are designed to be received within a distance of less than 1050 feet from the transmitter and that it would transmit throughout the FM radio band (88.1-107.9 MHz). By Public Notice, DA 03-2109, released June 30, 2003, this application was given "permit-but-disclose" status under the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

On July 16, 2003, the James Madison University Board of Visitors filed an Informal Objection to the Safety Cast application.

We have subsequently become aware that applications seeking authorization to test or to develop technologies similar to Safety Cast's technology have been filed pursuant to Part 74 of the Commission's rules with the Media Bureau's Audio Division.¹ We believe that the public interest would be best served by assuring that all of these applications are reviewed together in a consistent manner. To achieve this end and to promote administrative efficiency, we are dismissing the Safety Cast application without prejudice to the applicant's right to file an application pursuant to Part 74 of the Commission's rules. Such an application should be submitted on Form 309 and filed with the Media Bureau.

¹ One such application was filed by Alert Cast Corporation, and another was filed by Midland Associates.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the application of Safety Cast Corporation (File No. 0183-EX-ST-2003) for STA in the Experimental Radio Service IS DISMISSED without prejudice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmond J. Thomas', with a stylized, flowing script.

Edmond J. Thomas

Chief

Office of Engineering and Technology