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1.0 GENERAL**1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with Part 15, Subpart C of the FCC's Code of Federal Regulations.

1.2 Product Description**1.2.1 General**

The Cellnet Water Endpoint (CWE) is a battery-powered radio transmitter operating in the 902-928 MHz unlicensed ISM band. It is designed to be connected to a variety of residential water meters and will periodically transmit water consumption information. This information is gathered by a Cellnet proprietary cellular network infrastructure.

There are two versions of the Cellnet Water Endpoint (CWE). The Pit version is designed for use in water meter pits installed at or below ground level. The Wall version, model Cellnet Water Endpoint 6060 Remote, is designed to be mounted on a wall in close proximity to the water meter. Documentation supplied with this report for the purpose of equipment authorization may make reference to both versions but the purpose of this report and the supporting documentation is to show compliance for the Wall unit only. The Pit unit is addressed in a separate report and filing.

1.2.2 Manufacturer

Cellnet Technology, Inc.
30000 Mill Creek Avenue
Suite 100
Alpharetta, GA 30022
USA

2.0 TEST FACILITIES

2.1 Location

The radiated and conducted emissions test sites are located at the following address:

Advanced Compliance Solutions
5015 B.U. Bowman Drive
Buford, GA 30518
Phone: (770) 831-8048
Fax: (770) 831-8598

2.2 Laboratory Accreditations/Recognitions/Certifications

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site, Open Area Test Site (OATS) and Conducted Emissions Site have been fully described, submitted to, and accepted by the FCC, Industry Canada and the Japanese Voluntary Control Council for Interference by information technology equipment. In addition, ACS is compliant to ISO 17025 as certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology under their National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. The following certification numbers have been issued in recognition of these accreditations and certifications:

FCC Registration Number: 89450

Industry Canada Lab Code: IC 4175

VCCI Member Number: 1831

- VCCI OATS Registration Number R-1526
- VCCI Conducted Emissions Site Registration Number: C-1608

NVLAP Lab Code: 200612

2.3 Radiated Emissions Test Site Description

2.3.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site consists of a 20' x 30' x 18' shielded enclosure. The chamber is lined with Toyo Ferrite Grid Absorber, model number FFG-1000. The ferrite tile grid is 101 x 101 x 19mm thick and weighs approximately 550 grams. These tiles are mounted on steel panels and installed directly on the inner walls of the chamber.

The turntable is 150cm in diameter and is located 160cm from the back wall of the chamber. The chamber is grounded via 1 - 8' copper ground rod, installed at the center of the back wall, it is bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is all steel, flush mounted table installed in an all steel frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 25' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Behind the turntable is a 3' x 6' x 4' deep shielded pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 1 - 4" PVC chases from the turntable to the pit that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit.

A diagram of the Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-1 below:

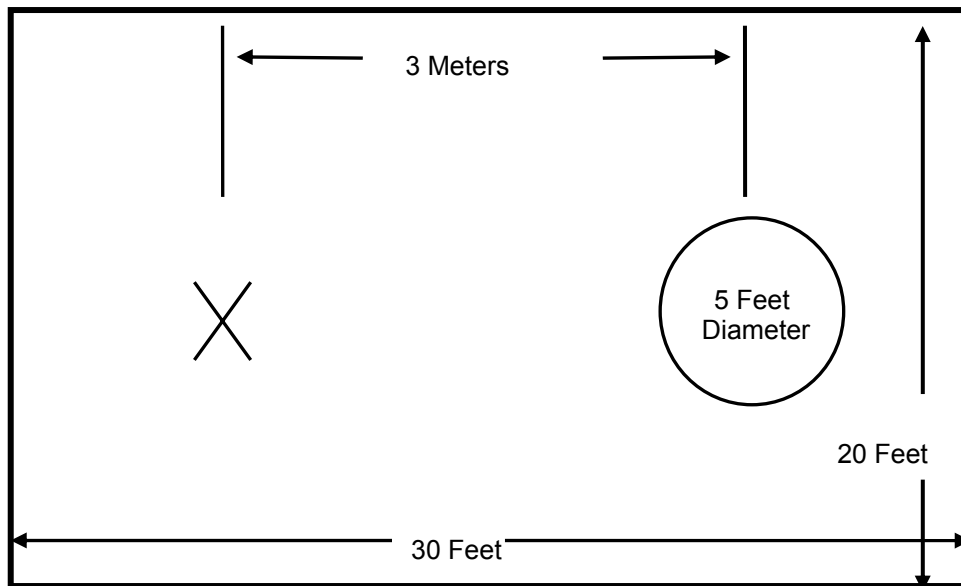


Figure 2.3-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

2.3.2 Open Area Tests Site (OATS)

The open area test site consists of a 40' x 66' concrete pad covered with a perforated electro-plated galvanized sheet metal. The perforations in the sheet metal are 1/8" holes that are staggered every 3/16". The individual sheets are placed to overlap each other by 1/4" and are riveted together to provide a continuous seam. Rivets are spaced every 3" in a 3 x 20 meter perimeter around the antenna mast and EUT area. Rivets in the remaining area are spaced as necessary to properly secure the ground plane and maintain the electrical continuity.

The entire ground plane extends 12' beyond the turntable edge and 16' beyond the antenna mast when set to a 10 meter measurement distance. The ground plane is grounded via 4 - 8' copper ground rods, each installed at a corner of the ground plane and bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is an all aluminum 10' flush mounted table installed in an all aluminum frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 40' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Adjacent to the turntable is a 7' x 7' square and 4' deep concrete pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 5 - 4" PVC chases from the pit to the control room that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit. The pit is covered with 2 sheets of 1/4" diamond style reinforced steel sheets. The sheets are painted to match the perforated steel ground plane; however the underside edges have been masked off to maintain the electrical continuity of the ground plane. All reflecting objects are located outside of the ellipse defined in ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the Open Area Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-2 below:

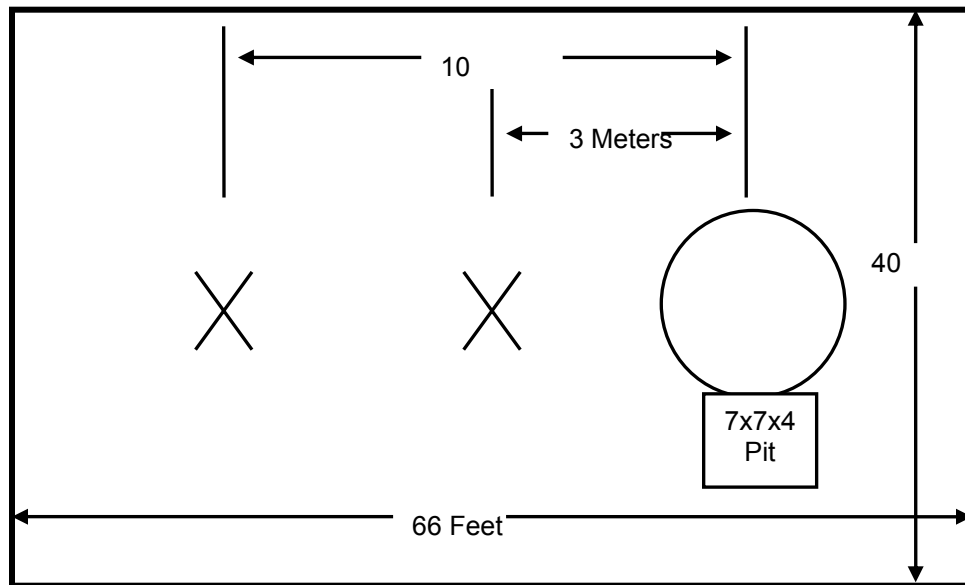


Figure 2.3-2: Open Area Test Site

2.4 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The AC mains conducted EMI site is a shielded room with the following dimensions:

- Height: 3.0 Meters
- Width: 3.6 Meters
- Length: 4.9 Meters

The room is manufactured by Rayproof Corporation and installed by Panashield, Inc. Earth ground is provided to the room via an 8' copper ground rod. Each panel of the room is connected electrically at intervals of 4".

Power to the room is filtered to prevent ambient noise from coupling to the EUT and measurement equipment. Filters are models 1B42-60P manufactured by Rayproof Corporation.

The room is of sufficient size to test table top and floor standing equipment in accordance with section 6.1.4 of ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the room is shown below in figure 2.4-1:

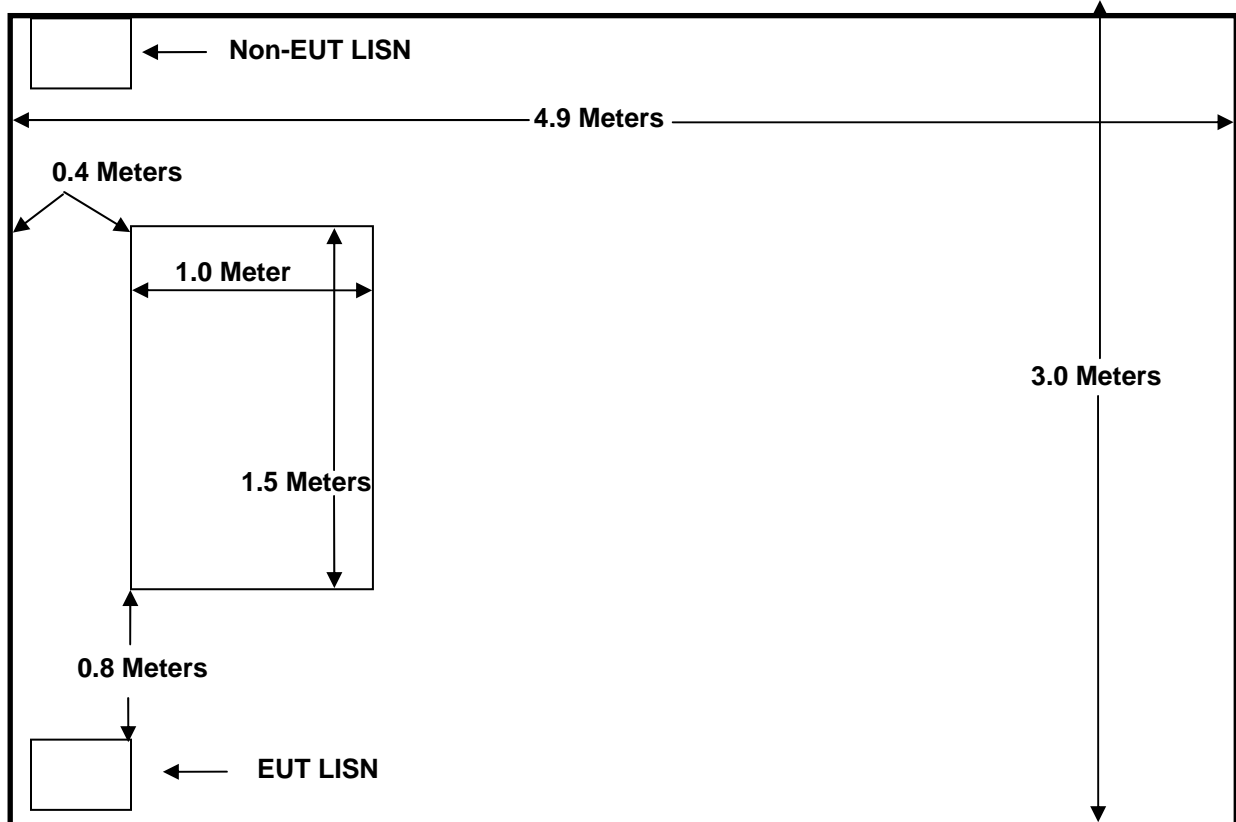


Figure 2.4-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3.0 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- 1 - ANSI C63.4-2003: Method of Measurements of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical And Electronic Equipment in the 9 KHz to 40GHz
- 2 - US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators
- 3 - FCC OET Bulletin 65 Appendix C - Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields

4.0 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

All test equipment used for regulatory testing is calibrated yearly or according to manufacturer's specifications.

Table 4.0-1: Test Equipment

Equipment Calibration Information					
ACS#	Mfg.	Eq. type	Model	S/N	Cal. Due
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25	Chase	Bi-Log Antenna	CBL6111	1043	5/23/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22	Agilent	Pre-Amplifier	8449B	3008A00526	5/06/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 73	Agilent	Pre-Amplifier	8447D	272A05624	5/18/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30	Spectrum Technologies	Horn Antenna	DRH-0118	970102	5/09/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 105	Microwave Circuits	High Pass Filter	H1G810G1	2123-01 DC0225	9/13/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	Rohde & Schwarz	Receiver Display	804.8932.52	839379/011	11/02/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	Rohde & Schwarz	ESMI Receiver	1032.5640.53	833827/003	11/02/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ---	Agilent	Spectrum Analyzer	E7405A	US39110103	6/6/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	Harbour Industries	HF RF Cable	LL-335	00006	3/16/06
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 208	Harbour Industries	HF RF Cable	LL142	00208	6/24/06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 167	ACS	Chamber EMI Cable Set	RG6	167	1/7/07
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 204	ACS	Chamber EMI RF cable	RG8	204	3/16/06

5.0 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Table 5-3: Support Equipment

Item	Equipment Type	Manufacturer	Model Number	Serial Number	FCC ID
The EUT was tested as a stand alone device and no support equipment was utilized.					

6.0 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP BLOCK DIAGRAM

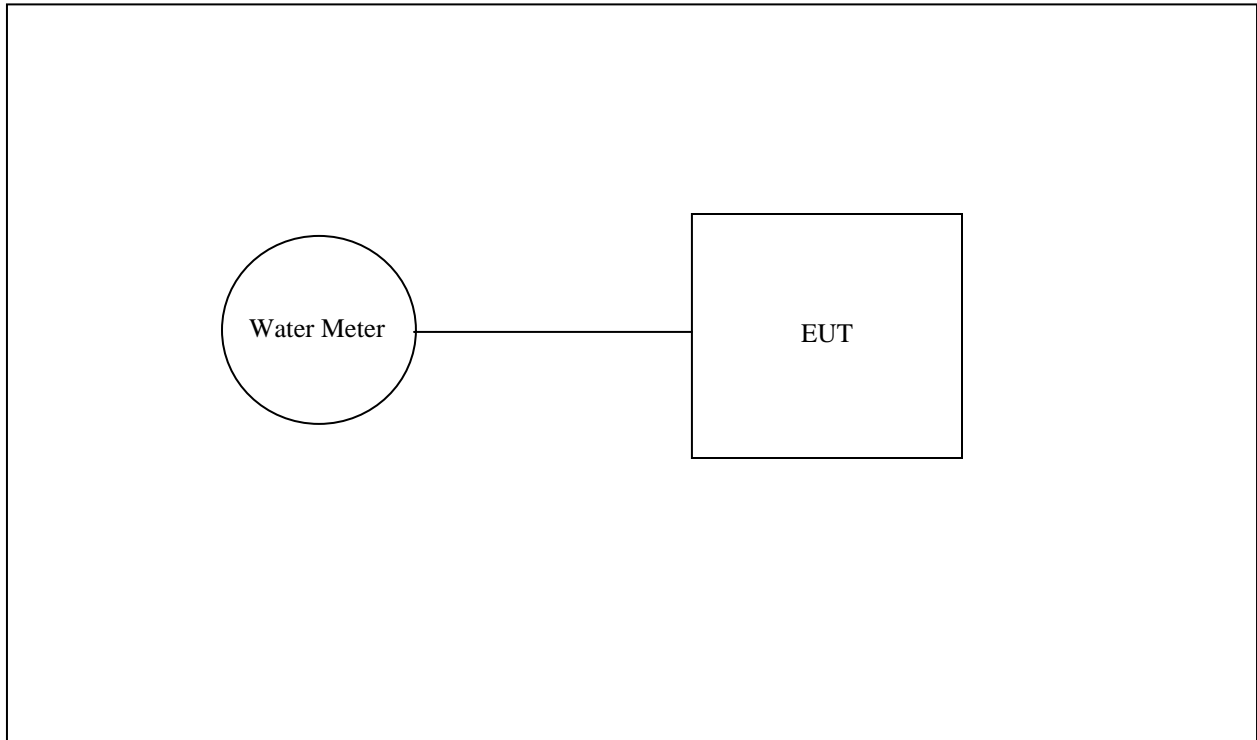


Figure 6-1: EUT Test Setup

The EUT was tested as attached to a standard water meter to simulate the typical installation configuration.

7.0 SUMMARY OF TESTS

Along with the tabular data shown below, plots were taken of all signals deemed important enough to document.

7.1 Antenna Requirement - FCC Section 15.203

The EUT employs an integral antenna that cannot be modified without damaging the device. The antenna type is loop, integral to the PWB, with a gain of 2.1dBi.

7.2 Power Line Conducted Emissions - FCC Section 15.207

The Cellnet Water Endpoint - Wall is battery powered therefore Power Line Conducted Emissions is not required.

7.3 Radiated Emissions - FCC Section 15.109(Unintentional Radiation)

7.3.1 Test Methodology

Radiated emissions tests were performed over the frequency range of 30MHz to 1 GHz. Measurements of the radiated field strength were made at a distance of 3m from the boundary of the equipment under test (EUT) and the receiving antenna. The antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. Radiated measurements were made with the Spectrum Analyzer's resolution bandwidth set to 120 KHz for measurements above 30MHz. Average measurements are taken with the RBW and VBW were set to 1MHz and 10 Hz respectively for measurements above 1000MHz.

7.3.2 Test Results

Results of the test are given below in Table 7.3-1:

Table 7.3-1: Radiated Emissions

Frequency (MHz)	Polarization (H/V)	Height (cm)	Azimuth (deg)	Level (dB μ V/m)	Limit (dB μ V/m)	Margin (dB)
30	VERTICAL	330	223	12.1	40	27.9
43.44	HORIZONTAL	250	0	4.3	40	35.7
85.68	HORIZONTAL	190	0	2.5	40	37.5
97.12	HORIZONTAL	350	286	15.9	43.5	27.6
132.24	VERTICAL	319	113	7.9	43.5	35.6
201.2	HORIZONTAL	290	119	6.1	43.5	37.4
345.84	HORIZONTAL	231	44	11.3	46	34.7
495.92	HORIZONTAL	119	285	16.1	46	29.9
704.48	HORIZONTAL	385	355	20.2	46	25.8
929.52	VERTICAL	110	233	22.9	46	23.1

* Note: All emissions above 929.52 MHz were attenuated at least 20 dB below the permissible limit

7.4 6dB Bandwidth – FCC Section 15.247(a)

7.4.1 Test Methodology

The 6dB bandwidth was measured in accordance with the FCC publication “New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247”. The RBW of the spectrum analyzer was set to 100 kHz and VBW 100 kHz. Span was set large enough to capture the entire emissions and >> RBW.

7.4.2 Test Results

Results are shown below in table 7.4.2-1 and figure 7.4.2-1:

Table 7.4.2-1: 6dB Bandwidth

Frequency [MHz]	Bandwidth [MHz]	Limit	Result
917.58	1.41	≥ 500 kHz	PASS

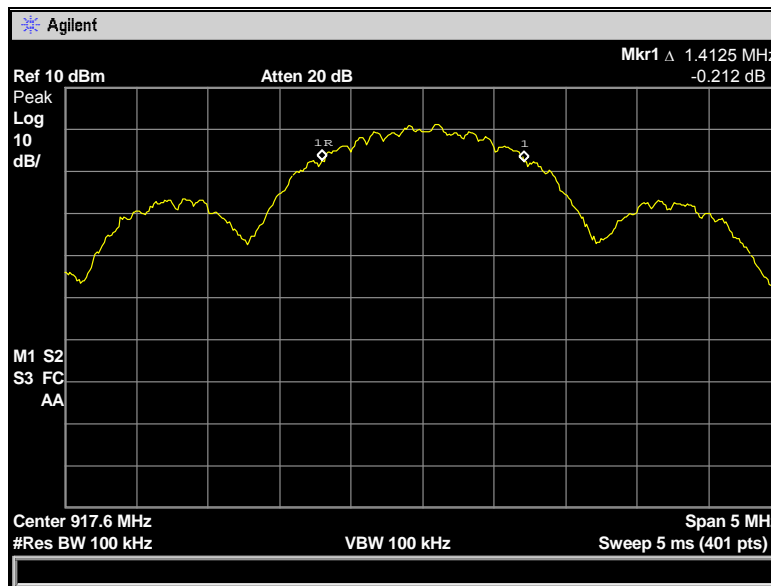


Figure 7.4.2-1: 6dB Bandwidth Plot

7.5 Peak Output Power Requirement - FCC Section 15.247(b)

7.5.1 Test Methodology

Antenna conducted measurements could not be performed on this device, therefore radiated tests were performed to show compliance with the peak output power limit specified in Section 15.247(b) according to the alternative test methods in the FCC publication “New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247”.

The procedures set forth in ANSI C63.4 were followed with respect to maximizing the peak emission. The resolution bandwidth of the spectrum analyzer was set to 3 MHz which was slightly greater the 6 dB bandwidth measured in section 7.4. The video bandwidth was set to 3 MHz and a peak detector using the Max Hold function was utilized.

The power was calculated using the following equation:

$$P = \frac{(E * d)^2}{30 * G}$$

Where: G = Numeric Gain of the transmitting antenna with reference to an isotropic radiator
 d = The distance in meters from which the field strength was measured
 E = The measured maximum fundamental field strength in V/m

Results are shown below in Table 7.5.2-1 to Table 7.5.2-2.

7.5.2 Test Results

Table 7.5.2-1: Fundamental Field Strength

Frequency (MHz)	Uncorrected Reading (dBµV/m)	Antenna Polarity (H/V)	Total Correction Factor (dB)	Corrected Reading (dBµV/m)
917.58	120.61	H	0.77	121.38

Table 7.5.2-2: Peak Output Power

Measurement Distance(d)	Antenna Gain dBi	Field Strength (V/m)	Antenna Gain Num	Power (mW)	Power (dBm)
3	2.1	1.17	1.62	254.17	24.05

7.6 Band-Edge Compliance and Spurious Emissions - FCC Section 15.247(d)

7.6.1 Band-Edge Compliance of RF Emissions

7.6.1.1 Test Methodology

The EUT was investigated at 917.58 MHz to determine band-edge compliance. For this measurement the spectrum analyzer’s RBW and VBW was set to 100 kHz.

7.6.1.2 Test Results

In a 100 kHz bandwidth at the lower and upper band-edge, the radio frequency power that was produced by the EUT is at least 20 dB below that in the 100 kHz bandwidth within the band that contains the highest level of desired power. Band-edge compliance is displayed in Figure 7.6.1.2-1.

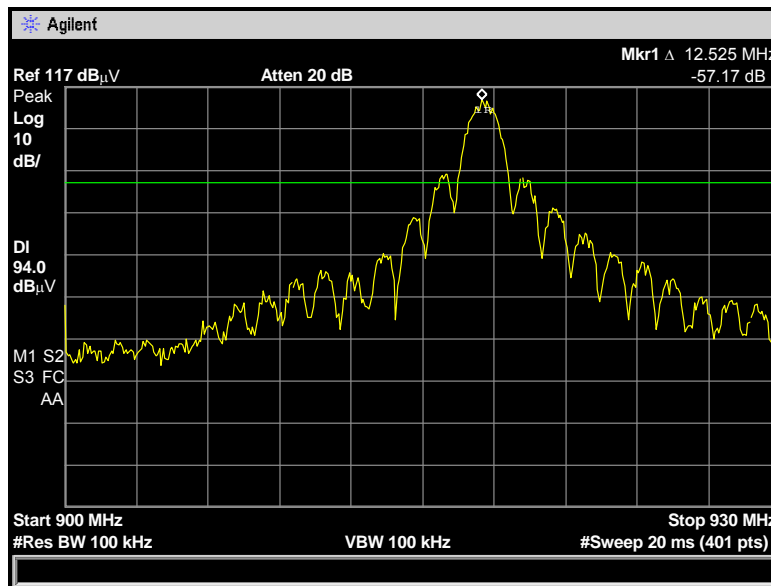


Figure 7.6.1.2-1: Band-edge

7.6.2 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions

7.6.2.1 Test Methodology

Antenna conducted measurements could not be performed on this device, therefore radiated tests were performed to show compliance with the spurious RF conducted limit specified in Section 15.247(d) according to FCC publication "New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247".

For each measurement, the spectrum analyzer's RBW was set to 100 kHz and the VBW was set to 300 kHz. The peak detector and Max Hold function of the analyzer were utilized. The field strength of both the fundamental emission and all spurious emissions were measured with these settings. Procedures in ANSI C63.4 with respect to maximizing the emissions were followed. The measured field strength of all spurious emissions must be below the measured field strength of the fundamental emission by the amount specified in Section 15.247(d).

7.6.2.2 Test Results

The magnitude of all emissions are reported in section 7.6.3 with the appropriate limit as referenced to 20 dB below the fundamental frequency field strength. Emissions that fell within the restricted bands were referenced to the radiated emissions limit set forth in Section 15.209 which is more stringent than that called out in 15.247(d).

7.6.3 Radiated Spurious Emissions (Restricted Bands) - FCC Section 15.205

7.6.3.1 Test Methodology

Radiated emissions tests were made over the frequency range of 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency.

The EUT was rotated through 360° and the receive antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. For frequencies below 1000MHz, quasi-peak measurements were made using a resolution bandwidth (RBW) of 120 kHz and a video bandwidth (VBW) of 300 kHz. For frequencies above 1000MHz, peak measurements were made using an RBW of 1 MHz and a VBW of 3 MHz and the average emission was calculated by correcting for the duty cycle of the EUT. For those frequencies that fell outside the restricted bands as defined in 15.205, the FCC publication "New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247" for conducted spurious emissions was followed using a RBW of 100 kHz and VBW of 300 kHz.

7.6.3.2 Duty Cycle Correction

For average radiated measurements, the measured level was reduced by a factor 18.42dB to account for the duty cycle of the EUT. The EUT transmits for approximately 12mS within a 100ms period. Therefore the duty cycle is 12%. The duty cycle correction factor is determined using the formula: $20\log(0.12) = -18.42\text{dB}$.

7.6.3.3 Test Results

Using the procedures set forth in the FCC publication “New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247”, radiated spurious emissions and conducted spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 10GHz are reported in Table 7.6.3-1. Each emission found to be in a restricted band as defined by section 15.205, was compared to the radiated emission limits as defined in section 15.209. Those spurious emissions outside the restricted bands were compared to the limits of 15.247(d), 20 dB below the fundamental frequency field strength.

Table 7.6.3.3-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)		Antenna Polarity (H/V)	Correction Factors (dB)	Corrected Level (dBuV/m)		Limit (dBuV/m)		Margin (dB)		RBW
	pk	avg			pk	avg	pk	avg	pk	avg	
Fundamental Frequency											
917.58	113.70	-----	H	0.77	114.47	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100kHz
917.58	107.20	-----	V	0.97	108.17	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100kHz
Spurious Emissions											
1835.16	71.87	71.87	H	-1.85	70.02	-----	94.47	-----	24.45	-----	100kHz
1835.16	65.47	65.47	V	-1.85	63.62	-----	94.47	-----	30.85	-----	100kHz
2752.74	69.00	69.00	H	2.39	71.39	52.97	74	54	2.61	1.03	1MHz
2752.74	66.28	66.28	V	2.39	68.67	50.25	74	54	5.33	3.75	1MHz
3670.32	56.38	56.38	H	5.91	62.29	43.87	74	54	11.71	10.13	1MHz
3670.32	49.90	49.90	V	5.91	55.81	37.39	74	54	18.19	16.61	1MHz
4587.9	57.55	57.55	H	7.98	65.53	47.12	74	54	8.47	6.88	1MHz
4587.9	57.88	57.88	V	7.98	65.86	47.45	74	54	8.14	6.55	1MHz
6423.06	46.40	46.40	H	12.86	59.26	-----	94.47	-----	35.22	-----	100kHz
7340.64	48.20	48.20	H	15.72	63.92	45.50	74	54	10.08	8.50	1MHz

7.6.3.4 Sample Calculation:

$$R_C = R_U + CF_T$$

Where:

- CF_T = Total Correction Factor (AF+CA+AG)-DC (Average Measurements Only)
- R_U = Uncorrected Reading
- R_C = Corrected Level
- AF = Antenna Factor
- CA = Cable Attenuation
- AG = Amplifier Gain
- DC = Duty Cycle Correction Factor

Example Calculation: Peak

Corrected Level: 69.00 + 2.39 = 71.39 dBuV

Margin: 74dBuV – 71.39 dBuV = 2.61 dB

Example Calculation: Average

Corrected Level: 69.00 + 2.39 – 18.42 = 52.97 dBuV

Margin: 54dBuV – 52.97 dBuV = 1.03 dB

7.7 Peak Power Spectral Density- FCC Section 15.247(d)

7.7.1 Test Methodology

The peak power spectral density was measured in accordance with the alternative test methods in the FCC publication “New Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems in Section 15.247”. The emission peaks within the pass band were located and zoomed in on. The spectrum analyzer RBW was set to 3 kHz and VBW 3 kHz. A peak detector using the Max Hold function was utilized.

The power was calculated using the following equation:

$$P = \frac{(E * d)^2}{30 * G}$$

Where: G = Numeric Gain of the transmitting antenna with reference to an isotropic radiator
 d = The distance in meters from which the field strength was measured
 E = The measured maximum fundamental field strength in V/m

Results are shown below in Table 7.7.2-1 to Table 7.7.2-2 and Figure 7.7.2-1.

7.7.2 Test Results

Table 7.7.2-1: Fundamental Field Strength in 3 kHz bandwidth

Frequency (MHz)	Uncorrected Reading (dBµV/m)	Antenna Polarity (H/V)	Total Correction Factor (dB)	Corrected Reading (dBµV/m)
917.58	102.60	H	0.77	103.37

Table 7.7.2-2: Peak Power Spectral Density

Measurement Distance(d)	Antenna Gain dBi	Field Strength (V/m)	Antenna Gain Num	Power (mW)	Power (dBm)
3	2.1	0.15	1.62	4.02	6.04

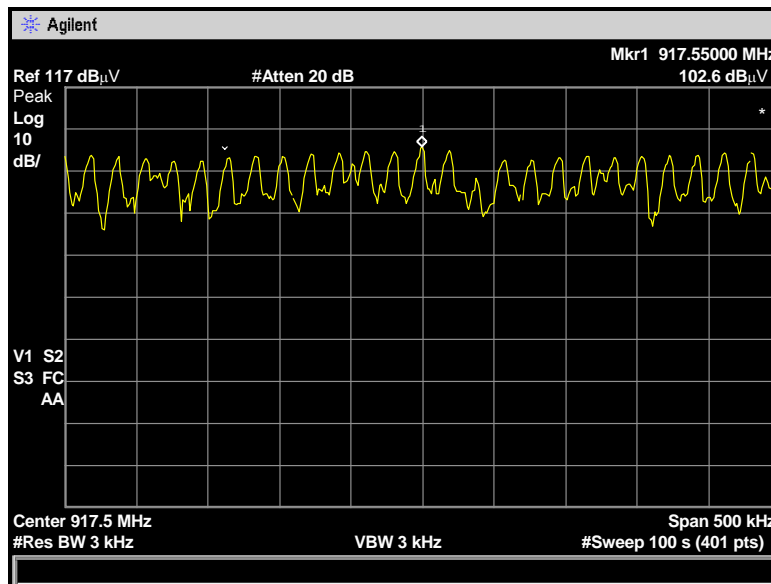


Figure 7.7.2-1: Peak Power Spectral Density

8.0 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc. the Cellnet Water Endpoint 6060 Remote, manufactured by Cellnet Technology, Inc., does meet the requirements of FCC Part 15 subpart C.