



**RADIO FREQUENCY EXPOSURE ANALYSIS**  
**SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ANA G. MENDEZ**  
**NEW TRANSPORTABLE C-BAND SATELLITE UPLINK**  
**PUERTO RICO**

**Background**

Sistema Universitario Ana G. Mendez (Mendez) is seeking authorization for a new temporary fixed C-Band earth station. The antenna for the temporary fixed earth station will be mounted to a trailer and will be operated at various locations throughout Puerto Rico. As a part of its application to the FCC for licensure of the unit, a study was completed, in accordance with the FCC guidelines of OET-65, to evaluate the potential for human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields.

**RFR Analysis**

The FCC guidelines for evaluating exposure to RF emissions incorporate limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) for transmitters operating at frequencies between 300 kHz and 100 GHz. The guidelines incorporate two separate tiers of exposure limits: Controlled (occupational) and Uncontrolled (general population). The assumption for comparing calculated exposure levels to the MPE for either tier is dependent on the situation in which the exposure is likely to take place and/or the status of the individuals that are subject to exposure. Controlled areas are those in which:

1. the area is identified with appropriate warning signage,
2. access to the area is controlled by its owner or agent,

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3. persons entering such areas are aware of the presence of radio frequency radiation (RFR) and have been instructed on the hazards and mitigation methods and
4. there is an assumption that persons entering controlled areas will be exposed to the RFR for a limited time period.

Uncontrolled areas are those in which access is not controlled and/or those in which the persons entering are not aware of the presence of significant levels of RFR. In this case, the temporary fixed earth station will operate on frequencies in the C-Band (above 1500 GHz) and the limits for maximum permissible RFR exposure in each area for the frequencies of operation are as follows (as specified in OET 65):

	<b>Power Density (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Averaging Time (minutes)</b>
Controlled:	5.0	6
Uncontrolled:	1.0	30

The RFR analysis is based on the following data provided by the applicant and equipment manufacturer:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>
Center Frequency:	F	6.175	GHz
Wavelength at Center Frequency:	$\lambda$	0.048583	m
Transmit Power:	P	445	W
Antenna Diameter:	D	2.4	m
Antenna Gain:	G <sub>es</sub>	42	dBi
Antenna Gain (Factor):	G	15848.9	
Antenna Efficiency:	$\eta$	0.66	
Antenna Surface Area:	A	4.52	m <sup>2</sup>
Feed Flange Diameter:	D <sub>fa</sub>	7.0	cm
Area of Feed Flange:	A <sub>fa</sub>	38.48	cm <sup>2</sup>

The study was conducted under the procedures and guidelines provided in OET-65 for Aperture Antennas and follows the format presented therein for calculating power flux density levels of the earth station at the main reflector surface, in the near-field, far-field, transition region, between the feed assembly and main reflector surface, and between the antenna edge and the ground. All of these values are then compared to the MPE limits, listed above, for controlled and uncontrolled areas.

### Main Reflector (Antenna) Surface

Power density at the antenna surface ( $S_{surface}$ ):

$$S_{surface} = \frac{4P}{A} = \frac{4(445W)}{\pi \left(\frac{2.4m}{2}\right)^2} = 393.47 W/m^2 \text{ or } 39.34 mW/cm^2$$

### Near-Field Region

Distance to the limit of the near-field ( $R_{nf}$ ):

$$R_{nf} = \frac{D^2}{4\lambda} = \frac{2.4^2}{4(0.048583)} = 29.64 m$$

Maximum value of the near-field, on-axis, power density ( $S_{nf}$ ):

$$S_{nf} = \frac{16\eta P}{\pi D^2} = \frac{16(0.658031)(445W)}{\pi(2.4m)^2} = 258.91 W/m^2 \text{ or } 25.89 mW/cm^2$$

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### Far-Field Region

Distance to the beginning of the far-field region ( $R_{ff}$ ):

$$R_{ff} = \frac{0.6D^2}{\lambda} = \frac{0.6(2.4)^2}{0.048583} = 71.14 \text{ m}$$

Maximum main beam power density ( $S_{ff}$ ):

$$S_{ff} = \frac{PG}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{(445W)(15848.93)}{4\pi(71.14m)^2} = 110.9 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ or } 11.09 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$

### Transition Region

The transition region is between the end of near-field region ( $R_{nf} = 29.64m$ ) and the beginning of the far-field region ( $R_{ff} = 71.14m$ ). The power density in the transition region decreases linearly with an increase in distance; therefore, the maximum power density in the transition ( $S_{tr}$ ) region will not exceed the power density calculated for the near-field region.

$$S_{tr} = \frac{S_{nf}R_{nf}}{R} = \frac{\left(258.91 \frac{W}{m^2}\right)(29.64m)}{29.64m} = 258.91 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ or } 258.91 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$

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Region Between Feed Assembly (Sub-Reflector) and Main Reflector

Maximum power density at the antenna feed-flange ( $S_{feed}$ ):

$$S_{feed} = \frac{4000P}{\pi \left(\frac{D_{fa}}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4000(445W)}{\pi \left(\frac{7.0cm}{2}\right)^2} = 27979.83 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$

Region Between Main Reflector and Ground

Maximum power density between the main reflector and ground ( $S_{ground}$ ):

$$S_{ground} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{445W}{\pi \left(\frac{2.4m}{2}\right)^2} = 98.37 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ or } 9.84 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$

The table below provides a summary of the above calculations:

Region	Symbol	Calculated Maximum Power Density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Assessment
Main Reflector Surface	$S_{surface}$	39.34	Potential Hazard
Near-Field	$S_{nf}$	25.89	Potential Hazard
Far-Field	$S_{ff}$	11.09	Potential Hazard
Transition	$S_{tr}$	25.89	Potential Hazard
Between Feed Assembly and Main Reflector	$S_{feed}$	27979.83	Potential Hazard
Between Main Reflector and Ground	$S_{ground}$	9.84	Potential Hazard



## **Mitigation**

The antenna will be used intermittently in locations away from the general public and it will have a center of radiation 1.8 meters above the ground when erected above the trailer (in an operational mode). When in operation, the licensee shall establish an area around the trailer extending at least 3 meters (horizontally) using access restricting devices to define the perimeter (rope cordon and appropriate signage) to restrict public access. In addition, operating personnel will monitor the area to prevent unauthorized access.

Access within the area around and on-top of the trailer will be limited to authorized persons eligible to be considered under the occupational exposure MPE. These persons will be trained as to the extent of potential for RFR exposure in excess of the limits and the areas where this condition might occur will be defined. Mitigation will include mandatory shut-down for antenna maintenance or adjustment.

The licensee will conduct measurements with appropriate equipment to verify the conclusions drawn from the calculations herein and shall make a permanent record of that data. Should measured data indicate fields in excess of the values calculated herein, appropriate adjustments will be made in establishing the area in which public access will be limited.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the above analyses, it is concluded that the subject transportable earth station can be operated in accordance with the exposure limits established in Section 1.1310 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations as detailed in OET-65 provided that the specified precautionary measures to protect members of the public and workers are adhered-to.

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