

RADIATION HAZARD STUDY

This radiation hazard study describes the R.F. radiation environment of a temporary fixed Ku-band uplink to be operated by the Associated Press. This transportable earth station uplink will be utilized thru out the US.

This study is done to comply with the requirements of Section 1.1307(b) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission. All calculations conform to the procedures presented in OET Bulletin No. 65 for aperature antennas.

Transmit antenna: Advent/Mantis 1.9 meter KU-band

Antenna Diameter $D := 1.9 \cdot m$

Antenna Efficency $\eta := 67 \cdot \%$

Transmitter: 400 watt output flange SSPA, operated at 100% power

Transmit Power $P := 400 \cdot \text{watt} \cdot 100 \cdot \%$ $\text{mw} := \frac{\text{watt}}{1000}$
 $P = 400 \cdot \text{watt}$

	at 14.0 GHz	at 14.5 GHz
Antenna Gain	$G_1 := 47.10$	$G_2 := 47.30$
Wavelength	$\lambda_1 := 2.14285 \cdot \text{cm}$	$\lambda_2 := 2.06896 \cdot \text{cm}$

Calculations for the Near Field (Fresnel Region)

Extent of the Near Field

$$R_{n1} := \frac{D^2}{4 \cdot \lambda_1} \qquad R_{n2} := \frac{D^2}{4 \cdot \lambda_2}$$
$$R_{n1} = 42.117 \cdot m \qquad R_{n2} = 43.621 \cdot m$$

Maximum Near Field
Power Density

$$S_n := \frac{16 \cdot \eta \cdot P}{\pi \cdot D^2}$$
$$S_n = 37.809 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

	at 14.0 GHz	at 14.5 GHz
Distance to Far Field	$R_{f1} := \frac{0.6 \cdot D^2}{\lambda_1}$ $R_{f1} = 101.08 \cdot \text{m}$	$R_{f2} := \frac{0.6 \cdot D^2}{\lambda_2}$ $R_{f2} = 104.69 \cdot \text{m}$
Absolute Gain of Antenna	$G_{a1} := 10^{\frac{G_1}{10}}$	$G_{a2} := 10^{\frac{G_2}{10}}$
Maximum Far Field Power Density	$S_{f1} := \frac{P \cdot G_{a1}}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{f1}^2}$ $S_{f1} = 15.978 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2}$	$S_{f2} := \frac{P \cdot G_{a2}}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{f2}^2}$ $S_{f2} = 15.597 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2}$

Calculations for the Transition Zone

The farthest point in the near field is the beginning of the transition zone -

$$R_{t1} := R_{n2}$$

$$R_{t1} = 43.621 \cdot \text{m}$$

The end of the Transition Zone is the beginning of the Far Field -

$$R_{t2} := R_{f2}$$

$$R_{t2} = 104.69 \cdot \text{m}$$

	Beginning	End
Transition Zone Power Density	$S_{t1} := \frac{S_n \cdot R_{n2}}{R_{t1}}$ $S_{t1} = 37.809 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2}$	$S_{t2} := \frac{S_n \cdot R_{n2}}{R_{t2}}$ $S_{t2} = 15.754 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of Reflector} \quad A &:= \pi \cdot \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^2 \\ A &= 2.835 \cdot \text{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power Density at the} \quad S_{\text{ref}} &:= \left(4 \cdot \frac{P}{A}\right) \\ \text{Reflector Surface} \quad S_{\text{ref}} &= 56.432 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Calculations between the Antenna and the Ground:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power Density between} \quad S_{\text{ga}} &:= \frac{P}{A} \\ \text{Antenna and Ground} \quad S_{\text{ga}} &= 14.108 \cdot \frac{\text{mw}}{\text{cm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions

The power densities in the Near Field, Far Field, Transition Zone, at the Surface of the Reflector, and between the Reflector and the Ground are all above the allowable limit. Therefore the applicant proposes to comply with the Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits of 1 mW/cm² for the Uncontrolled areas and the MPE limits of 5 mW/cm² for the Controlled areas by one or more of the following methods:

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT Transmit/Receive

In regard to Section 1.1307(a) of the Commission's rules:

This site is not in a designated wilderness area or wildlife preserve; it does not threaten endangered species or critical habitats; nor does it affect sites, structures, or habitats which are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture that are listed or are eligible for listing in the National Registry of Historic Places; it does not affect Indian religious sites or flood plains; nor does it cause significant change in wetland fill, deforestation, or water diversion.

In regard to section 1.1307(b) of the Commission's rules:

We have prepared the calculations of radio frequency radiation for this transmitter and antenna combination, under the operating conditions specified in this application, with these results:

Region	Radiation level (mw/cm ²)	Hazard assessment
Near field	37.809	Exceeds guidelines
Far field	25.323	Exceeds guidelines
Transition zone	37.809	Exceeds guidelines
At reflector surface	56.432	Exceeds guidelines
Between the rim of the antenna and the ground	14.108	Exceeds guidelines

Conclusions: Based on the study, which is summarized above, we conclude that in the regions of concern the radiation level will comply with the guidance when remediation procedures are implemented and followed to achieve less than 5 milliwatts per square centimeter of exposure.

Accordingly, this action does not have a significant environmental impact as described in the Commission's rules and does not require the preparation of an environmental assessment.

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It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the public and operational personnel are not exposed to harmful levels of radiation.

Further Conclusions:

Based on this analysis it is concluded that the FCC RF Guidelines have been exceeded in the specific regions shown in this report. The applicant proposes to comply with the Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits of 1 mW/cm² for the Uncontrolled areas, and the MPE limits of 5 mW/cm² for the Controlled areas by one or more of the following methods:

Means of Compliance Uncontrolled Areas:

This antenna will be operated in a secured area. This area will be sufficient to prohibit access by the general public to the areas that exceed the MPE limited. The general public will not have access to areas within ½ diameter removed from the edge of the antenna.

Since one diameter removed from the main beam of the antenna, or ½ diameter removed from the edge of the antenna, the RF levels are reduced by a factor of 100 or 20 dB. None of the areas exceeding the MPE levels will be accessible by the general public.

Radiation hazard signs will be posted while this earth station is in operation.

The applicant will ensure that no buildings or other obstacles will be in the area that exceed the MPE levels.

Means of Compliance Controlled Areas:

The earth station's operational personnel will not have access to the areas that exceed the MPE levels while the earth station is in operation.

The transmitters will be turned off during antenna maintenance.

Means of Compliance – Safety in General:

This antenna system is located as a transportable unit and conditions will vary from operating site to operating site. Because of this, the licensee will establish procedures for the operational personnel to verify that the antenna is not pointing in the direction of populated areas, and that access to hazardous areas are restricted while the unit is in operation.

In addition, the transmit power used in these calculations is greater than that which will typically be utilized by the earth station. During normal operation, the typical power level would generally not exceed more than 50 to 75 percent of the indicated transmitter power. Maximum transmit power would generally only occur in conditions of extreme inclement weather.

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FAA INFORMATION

The proposed 1.9 meter Ku band R/T antenna, which is the subject of this application, is a fixed earth station that will be operated from the ground. The maximum height of this antenna will be about 3 meters above the ground. Therefore since the proposed antenna does ***not*** extend more than 6 meters above the ground, notice to the FAA is ***not*** required pursuant to Section 17.4 of the Commission's rules.