

Technical Report 2019 License Renewal Radio Frequency (RF) Protection Study

for

WVAX(AM) - Charlottesville, VA
BL-20060404AHF (Analog)
Facility ID: 161156

WQMZ(FM) - Charlottesville, VA
BLH-20000120AAT (Analog & Digital)
Facility ID: 10653

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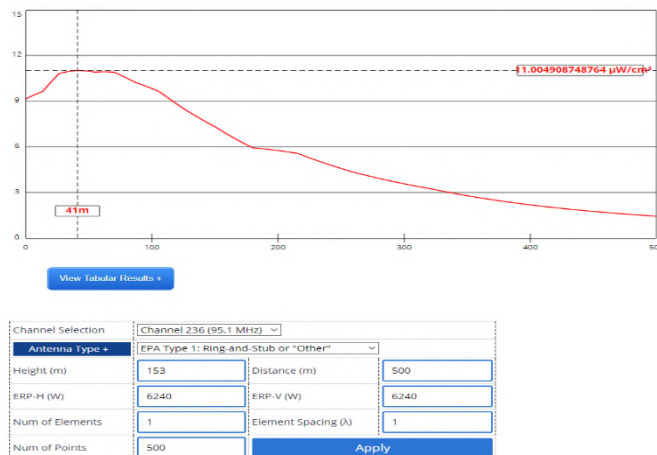
Compliance with Radiofrequency Radiation Guidelines ***1***

Explanation of Study The studied facilities comply with the maximum permissible radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments as set forth under §1.1310 of the Commission's rules and the guidelines for RF radiation protection guidelines as set forth in OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01), and the accompanying Supplement A, (Edition 97-01). The site is intended to house multiple transmitters of mixed aural origin.

Concerning FM contributions, the potential for human exposure to non-ionizing radiofrequency radiation has been evaluated with regard to §1.1310 utilizing the Commission's own *FM Model* web-based software application. The use and implementation of this FCC sanctioned software is a matter of record before the Commission. To ensure complete protection, each maximum FM contribution has been assumed without regard to any restricted access fencing distance. The maximum permissible uncontrolled limit for FM stations is 200 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. The maximum permissible controlled limit is 1000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. Therefore, single contributions of $\leq 200 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ remain within the tolerances as allowed by §1.1310 and its governing OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01) for the more restrictive of either two environments.

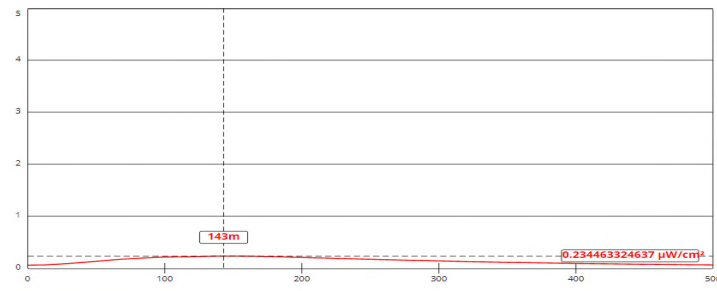
Concerning AM contributions, FCC supplied MININEC interpolated graphs were used to determine the individual contribution of each AM station. MININEC AM Model Figure(s) 1-4 have been taken directly from, and employ the standards of, OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01). The relevant MININEC AM Model Figure has been shown in graphical form at the end of this report with the predicted electrical field (V/m) and magnetic field (A/m) noted. For each AM contribution, the maximum contribution has been assumed using the maximum power regardless of mode of operation or directional tower power distribution. The AM contribution(s) have been interpolated at the measured fencing distance.

Summary of Stations The licensed WQMZ(FM).L - Charlottesville, VA, Analog FM Station operates on CH236A (95.1 MHz) with 6.0 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). The facility broadcasts from an antenna COR mounted 153 meters above ground level (AGL). The facility operates with a four (4) bay, Celwave model CPM-LP-4 antenna. However, for purposes of this RF Compliance Study, a worst-case one bay, EPA Type 1 element as defined by the Commission's own FM Model - Appendix B (issued March 31, 2016) has been assumed. WQMZ(FM) operates with HD/IBOC facilities (BDNH-20120203ABT) of -14 dBc power (0.240 kW ERP) circular polarization (H&V) (or $\text{Log}[0.04]*10 = -14 \text{ dBc}$) from the main antenna mounted at 153 meters AGL. Therefore, a sum power of 6.240 kW ERP (H&V) has been assumed for this common analog and digital contribution.



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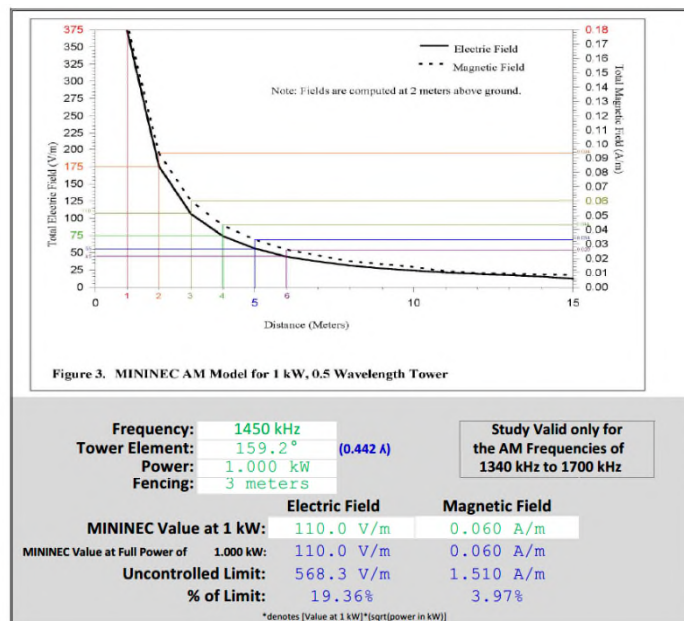
Summary of Stations The non-co-owned, but collocated Construction Permit W288ED.C - Charlottesville, VA, Analog FM Translator (BNPFT-20130821ABF; Facility ID 148345) will operate on CH288D (105.5 MHz) with 0.250 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). The facility will broadcast from an antenna COR mounted 142 meters above ground level (AGL). The facility will operate with a one (1) bay, Systems With Reliability, LP (SWR) model FMEC-1DA, "Opposed V Dipole" antenna employing an EPA Type 2 element as defined by the Commission's own FM Model - Appendix B (issued March 31, 2016). The element is spaced 1.0 wavelength (λ) apart. This facility does not operate with HD/IBOC facilities at this time.



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Channel Selection	Channel 288 (105.5 MHz)		
Antenna Type +	EPA Type 2: Opposed V Dipole		
Height (m)	142	Distance (m)	500
ERP-H (W)	250	ERP-V (W)	250
Num of Elements	1	Element Spacing (λ)	1
Num of Points	500	Apply	

Summary of Stations The licensed WAVX(AM).L - Charlottesville, VA, Analog AM facility operates on a frequency of 1450 kHz into a common daytime/nighttime non-directional tower. The daytime power is 1.0 kW. The nighttime power is 1.0 kW. The common daytime/nighttime tower employs a vertical radiator of 159.2° or 0.442 λ (wavelengths) for operation on the AM frequency. Existing fencing is no less than 3.0 meters from the tower in any direction.



Results of Study The sum of each individual contribution as a percentage of its each maximum permissible uncontrolled limit has been provided below. As the resulting contribution(s) as a whole is less than 100%, the combined exposure has been calculated to be within the guidelines of OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01) for the more restrictive uncontrolled environment as defined by locations accessible by the general public. As stated before, protection of the uncontrolled environment implies protection of the controlled environment. There are no other broadcast sources of radiofrequency non-ionizing radiation present at this site.

Contributing Station	Individual Contribution	Individual Uncontrolled Limit	Percent of Uncontrolled Limit
WQMZ (FM) .L (analog & HD/IBOC)	11.005 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	200 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5.50%
W288ED.C (analog)	0.234 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	200 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	0.12%
WVAX (AM) (analog)	110.0 V/m	568.3 V/m	19.36%
Total of Uncontrolled Limit:			24.98%

The facility is, or will be, properly marked with signs. Entry is, or will be, restricted by means of fencing with locked doors or gates. Furthermore, coordination with other users of the site will be secured to reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency electromagnetic fields in excess of FCC guidelines.