

Reason for Request for Silent STA:

On June 24, 2022, a listener called our main office and stated that our translator K204AL, facility ID 20513, serving Pocatello, Idaho, could not be received. After a visit from an engineer contracted by Faith Communications Corp., it was found that the station was off the air. However, there is a delay in getting it repaired.

A site visit to investigate was immediately scheduled with an engineer from a local radio station that owns the facility. Faith Communications Corporation leases from a company that purchased the site and a collocated station. Their engineer was going to go up on July 1 and was going to look at our equipment. The engineer did not make it to the site that day and continued to delay through the following week.

Because of the delay, we asked our contract engineer from Twin Falls, Idaho to travel to the facility. He went to the site on July 9 and found the station was off the air. Unfortunately, the key we had to the building no longer works.

Our engineer visually inspected the outside equipment including the receive antenna, transmit antenna and feedline, and found all to be visually in good condition. We are still working on getting access to the building to determine the cause.

A replacement translator of the exact same type, make and model (but a later design) with the same power rating as listed on the original license, a Tepco J-317, is ready and available at our main office. Exact replacement parts for the antennas and feedlines as specified in the license are also available.

Once we get access, it is anticipated that the repairs should be completed within two weeks, allowing time for shipping and travel. We hope to get K204AL back on the air to serve Pocatello as soon as possible.