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Report Of Intermodulation Product Findings

*WHRM, WIFC, WDEZ BROADCAST FACILITY
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REPORT OF FINDINGS

WHRM, WIFC, WDEZ COMBINED BROADCAST FACILITY

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

Introduction: This report of findings is based on data collected at the WHRM, WIFC and WDEZ combined FM broadcast facility located in Wausau, WI. The report includes measurements offered as proof that the combined operations of WHRM (90.9 MHz.), WIFC (95.5 MHz.) and WDEZ (101.9 MHz.) transmitters are in compliance with the FCC Rules and Regulations as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 47 section 73.317 paragraph (b) through (d). In brief, the collection of measurements presented in this report shows that all possible third order inter-modulation (IM) products generated by this multiplex system are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317 (b) through (d). WLBL (91.9 Mhz.) operates into a separate side mount antenna located lower on the same tower. Their effects on the stations operating from the multiplexed system has been considered in this report. I, Jeff Taylor of Electronics Research, Inc. located in Chandler, Indiana performed the measurements summarized herein on October 8, 2003.

The following exhibits are provided:

Exhibit A:

- A-1 Drawing Depicting Antenna.
- A-2 1083-10CP Antenna Specification Sheet.
- A-3 Drawing Depicting Multiplexing Scheme.
- A-4 Multiplexer Specification Sheet.
- A-5 Theoretical Vertical Plane Relative Field Antenna Plots

Exhibit B:

- B-1 Equipment Employed In Intermodulation Product Measurement.
- B-2 Broadcasting Scheme of the Multiplexed Systems.
- Table 1. Carrier Reference Levels.
- Table 2. Calculated Third Order Products.
- Table 3. Intermodulation Analysis Measurements.

Exhibits Accompanying Report: Exhibit A, provides comprehensive information on both antenna and filters used by these radio stations. Exhibit B, illustrates the broadcasting scheme of each station, the layout of the equipment used to isolate and measure potential intermodulation products and forward carrier reference levels. Found within Table 1 are the narrow band carrier frequency measurements that provide relative output signal levels for the IM analysis. Table 2 lists the calculated third order products that can be generated from FM transmitters broadcasting from the multiplexed system. The IM Analysis Measurements, in Table 3, provides detailed information obtained from the product frequency investigation.

The Nature Of Intermodulation Products (IM) : Intermodulation products result from inadequate transmitter-to-transmitter isolation. Intermodulation products are commonly generated from radio stations operating into multiplexed facilities and congested antenna broadcast sites. The mechanics associated with the phenomenon have been well documented. When two or more transmitters are coupled to each other, new spectral components are produced by the mixing of the station frequencies in the active circuits of each transmitter. The common term used to describe this phenomenon is third order product denoted by the mathematical expression $[2(F_1)-(F_2)]$, where F_1 signifies the frequency of the transmitter that is generating the intermodulation product, and F_2 signifies the frequency causing the interference.

The Multiplexed System : These measurements were taken with three FM stations operating from the combined antenna system. The WHRM, WIFC, and WDEZ multiplexed system is fundamentally comprised of antenna, feed line and multiplexer unit. The 1083-10CP antenna and 963-6 multiplexer units are products of Electronics Research, Inc, whereas the feed line is manufactured by Andrew and Myat, Refer to Exhibit B-2, for an illustration of the Broadcasting Scheme of these stations.

To accomplish the aggregation of three transmitter signals into a common antenna feed and provide transmitter-to-transmitter isolation, a multiplexing scheme consisting of a Combiner modules was installed. Specifically, the Multiplexer utilizes three ERI Model 963-6 Constant impedance combiner modules. All combiner components are natural convection cooled. The combiner is illustrated in the attached Exhibit A-3. The multiplexer, fully assembled, exhibited transmitter port-to-port isolation in excess of -90dB. Other performance measurements, such as match, loss, group delay, etc, revealed that the multiplexer unit was in proper working condition. Refer to Exhibit A-4 for the Combiner Specification Sheet.

The IM Investigation : Directional Couplers were placed at key locations throughout the combiner to monitor and maintain the multiplexers performance. All couplers furnished with the system are factory calibrated and capable of delivering accurate and repeatable RF measurements. To facilitate the taking of the measurements, the coupler located at the antenna output of the multiplexed system was used. Care was taken in the selection of the measurement location to insure that the measurements would be made far removed from transmitters and any filtering used to reduce broadcast emissions. The coupler selected would normally be used for antenna reflection measurements and thus would provide greater than 33 dB directivity and a forward signal sample of -46 dB.

The forward port of the coupler was used for sampling the outgoing carrier levels and IM products. The IM sampled signal was fed by shielded cable into a Band Pass Filter where all extraneous energy was steeply attenuated. Various attenuation pads were used, when needed, on the band pass filter and/or the FIM71 to ensure an adequate signal level for measurements without overloading the measurement equipment. A Potomac Instruments FIM-71 Field Strength Receiver was employed to record the level of all signals investigated. To facilitate the selective tuning of the Receiver and Band Pass Filter a Wavetek Model 3000 signal generator was used. An Anritsu Model S114B Spectrum Analyzer was used to measure the close in spectral attenuation of each carrier and wide band search for any anomalies that may need further investigation. See attached Exhibit B-1 for an illustration of the measurement equipment.

Prior to recording measurements, all pertinent broadcasting equipment including Transmitters, Multiplexer, Feed Line and Antenna were adjusted to optimal performance. Also, it was confirmed before taking any measurements that all stations of concern were operating at their full licensed power level. From the equipment setup described above, the relative output signal level of each stations forward carrier was made. The resulting signal levels of these measurements are listed in Table 1, column labeled "Adjusted Level". This level will be used as the reference level for possible IM products of each carrier and was necessary to confirm that no significant levels of spurious energy, referenced to each carrier, were present from any transmitter operating from the multiplexed system.

Table 1 - Carrier Reference Levels.

Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Pad One (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Full Scale Range (dB:)	Scale Reading (dB)	Adjusted Level (dB:)	Notes
WHRM (90.9)	3	-	140	-9.5	133.5	
WIFC (95.5)	3	-	140	-9.7	133.3	
WDEZ (101.9)	3	-	140	-10.3	132.7	

Predictable third-order products due to system harmonics mixed with all on-site interfering frequencies that could be generated from the multiplexed system are calculated and listed in Table 2.

Table 2 - Third order Products.

Carrier Frequency MHz.			
Interfering Frequency MHz	WHRM 90.9	WIFC 95.5	WDEZ 101.9
WHRM 90.9	--	100.1	112.9
WIFC 95.5	86.3	--	108.3
WDEZ 101.9	79.9	89.1	--
WLBL 91.9	89.1	99.1	111.9

Using the equipment previously described the IM product measurements were recorded and are listed in Table 3. The signal levels referenced to the carriers are calculated and listed in the column labeled "Level Referenced to Carrier". Refer to Exhibit B for a layout of the measurement equipment.

Table 3 Intermodulation Measurements

Product Frequency (MHz)	Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Interfering Frequency (MHz)	Pad (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Full Scale Range (dBμ)	Scale reading (dB)	Adjusted Level (dBμ)	Carrier Reference Level (dBμ) (See Table 1)	Level Referenced to Carrier (dB)	Notes*
79.9	90.9	101.9	3	11.5	20	-14.3	20.2	133.5	113.3	
86.3	90.9	95.5	3	10.2	20	-8.2	25.0	133.5	108.5	
89.1	95.5	101.9	3	10.7	20	<-20	13.7	133.3	119.6	
89.9	90.0	91.9	3	10.2	20	-3.0	30.2	133.5	103.3	
99.1	95.5	91.9	3	10.0	20	-8.1	24.9	133.3	108.4	
100.1	95.5	90.9	3	9.1	20	-1.7	30.4	133.3	102.9	
108.3	101.9	95.5	3	9.8	20	-14.8	18.0	132.7	114.7	
111.9	101.9	91.9	3	9.6	20	<-20	12.6	132.7	120.1	
112.9	101.9	90.9	3	9.8	20	-8.5	24.3	132.7	108.4	

*** NOTES**

The Spectrum Analyzer was used to check the close in spectral attenuation of each carrier to confirm the operation of these transmitters are in compliance with Sections (b) and (c) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

As a final proof of the systems IM Product performance, a wide band search was undertaken using the Spectrum Analyzer. The purpose for this measurement was to look for suspicious anomalies that may warrant further investigation. My search ranged the complete frequency span of the receiver and resulted in no additional investigations.

Conclusion : Based upon my observations and measurements taken October 8th, 2003 as summarized in this document, I, Jeff Taylor, find the subject multiplexed system- specifically the transmitters and combiner system for the operation of the WHRM, WIFC and WDEZ into the 1083 10-CP antenna to be in proper working order. Furthermore, based on the measured data, it is my opinion that there are no inter-modulation products in excess of 80 dB below carrier levels generated from or within the stations operating on the installed system. Also, based on this recorded data. I conclude that WHRM, WIFC and WDEZ are in compliance with the requirements of Section 73.317 paragraph (b) through (d) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Electronics Research, Inc.

By  _____
Jeff Taylor Field Technician

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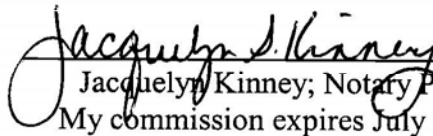
I, Jeff Taylor, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief :

- 1.) I am a Field Technician for Electronics Research, Inc ("ERI ") and have been employed by ERI for 7 years. I am familiar with and have assisted in the design, manufacturing and installation of FM Antennas and FM Multiplexers in my long tenure with ERI.
- 2.) I have either prepared and/or directly supervised the preparation of all technical information contained in this Report Of Findings and to my knowledge to be accurate and true.
- 3.) ERI has been requested by Gary Tesch WRIG, Inc. on behalf of radio Stations WHRM , WIFC and WDEZ in Wausau, WI. to prepare this Report Of Findings.



Jeff Taylor, Field Technician

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 14th, day of October 2003.



Jacquelyn Kinney, Notary Public
My commission expires July 5, 2007



A-2 ERI Antenna Specification Sheet

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General Specifications

Antenna Type High Power FM-Broadcast, Suitable For Diplexing
 Model Number 1083-10CP
 Number Of Bay Levels Ten
 Polarization Right Hand Circular

Electrical Specifications

Antenna Input Power Capability (Dual Feed) 64 KW Max ⁽¹⁾
 Operating Frequency Band 90.9, 95.5 & 101.9 Megahertz.
 VSWR 1.1:1 @ Operating Frequencies ⁽²⁾
 Azimuthal Pattern Circularity Less Than +/- 1.5 dB From RMS (Free Space)
 Power Split 50/50 (Horizontal & Vertical)
 Quarter Wave Shorting Stub None

Frequency Specific Information:

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Station ERP</u>	<u>Beam Tilt</u>	<u>First Null Fill</u>	<u>Second Null Fill</u>	<u>Power Gain</u>	<u>Line Loss</u> ⁽³⁾	<u>Filter Loss</u> ⁽⁴⁾	<u>Computed TPO</u>
90.9	82 (KW)	.5°	9 %	1%	3.965	.372 dB	.186 dB	23.5 (KW)
95.5	100 (KW)	.5°	10 %	1%	4.128	.380 dB	.176 dB	27.5 (KW)
101.9	100 (KW)	.5°	10 %	2%	4.345	.393 dB	.175 dB	26.2 (KW)

Mechanical Specifications

Antenna Feed System Fed with Dual Lines
 Input Connector 6 1/8" 50- Ohm EIA Flanged
 Element Deicing None Ordered ⁽⁵⁾
 Interbay Spacing 92" Center to Center
 Array Length Approximately 76' 8"
 Construction Material (Antenna) All Noncorrosive
 Construction Material (Mounting) Galvanized Plated and Stainless Steel

1) Power Capability Has Been Rated Assuming An Operating Transmission VSWR Of 1.5:1

2) VSWR Specification Achieved After On Site Tuning For User Specific Frequencies.

3) Line Loss Assumes 2 Feed Runs Of 529 Feet, 4 1/6" Myat Rigid Coax.

4) Losses Taken From Actual Multiplexer Measurements.

5) With Low Q Element Design, Moderate Icing Will Not Cause Appreciable VSWR Rise.

A-4 ERI Combiner Specification Sheet

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General Specifications:

Multiplexer Type (3) 963-6 Constant Impedance Combiner
 Number Of Combining Units Three
 Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation <-90 dB
 Output Connector 6 1/8 " 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
 Output Power (Designed) 80 KW⁽¹⁾
 Combiner Units, Size and Weight :

Type 963-6 Tuned To 90.9 MHz. 4.5' ht. X 54" wd. X 9.6' lg. & 1250 Lbs.
 Type 963-6 Tuned To 95.5 MHz. 4.5' ht. X 54" wd. X 9.6' lg. & 1250 Lbs.
 Type 963-6 Tuned To 101.9 MHz. 4.5' ht. X 54" wd. X 9.6' lg. & 1250 Lbs.

Heat Removal (All Multiplexer Components) Natural Convection
 Physical Arrangement All Components Floor Standing

Injected Port Specifications:

Frequency Assignment 90.9, 95.5 and 101.9 MHz.
 Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed) 30 KW
 Input Connector 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
 VSWR Less than 1.1:1 @ +/-200 KHz⁽²⁾
 Group Delay Less than 50 ns Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/- 150 KHz
 Insertion Loss (Measured):

90.9 MHz. - 0.186 dB
 95.5 MHz. - 0.176 dB
 101.9 MHz. - 0.175 dB

1) Power Rating Listed is as Designed Only. Actual Power Capabilities May Vary.

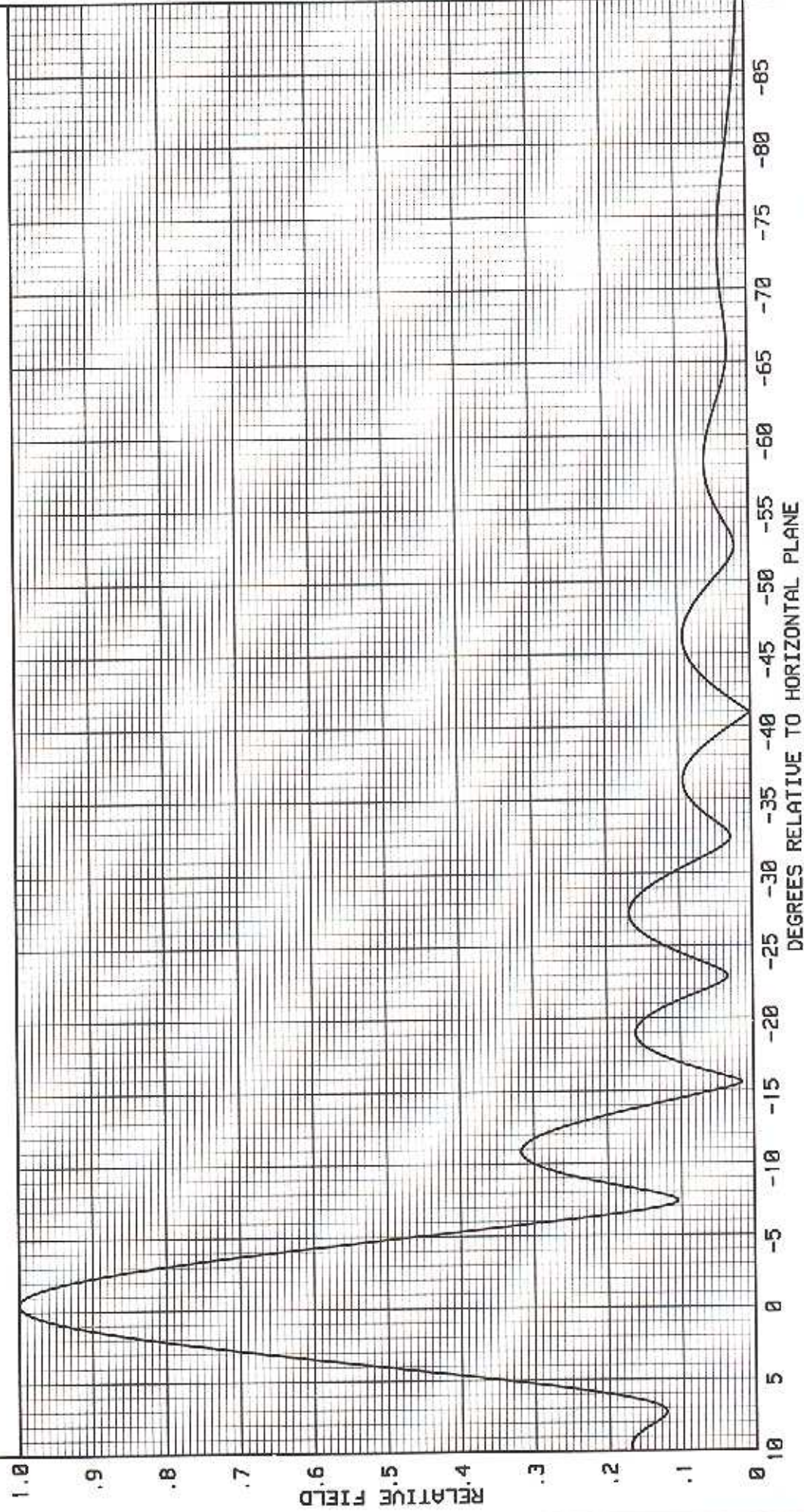
2) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.

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FIGURE 6.3B

-----THEORETICAL-----
VERTICAL PLANE RELATIVE FIELD
10 LEVELS OF TYPE 1080 ELEMENTS
- .50 DEGREE(S) BEAM TILT
11 PERCENT FIRST NULL FILL
2 PERCENT SECOND NULL FILL

JULY 11, 2000
101.9 MHz
BAY SPACING
92.00 INCHES
(.7943 WAVELENGTH)

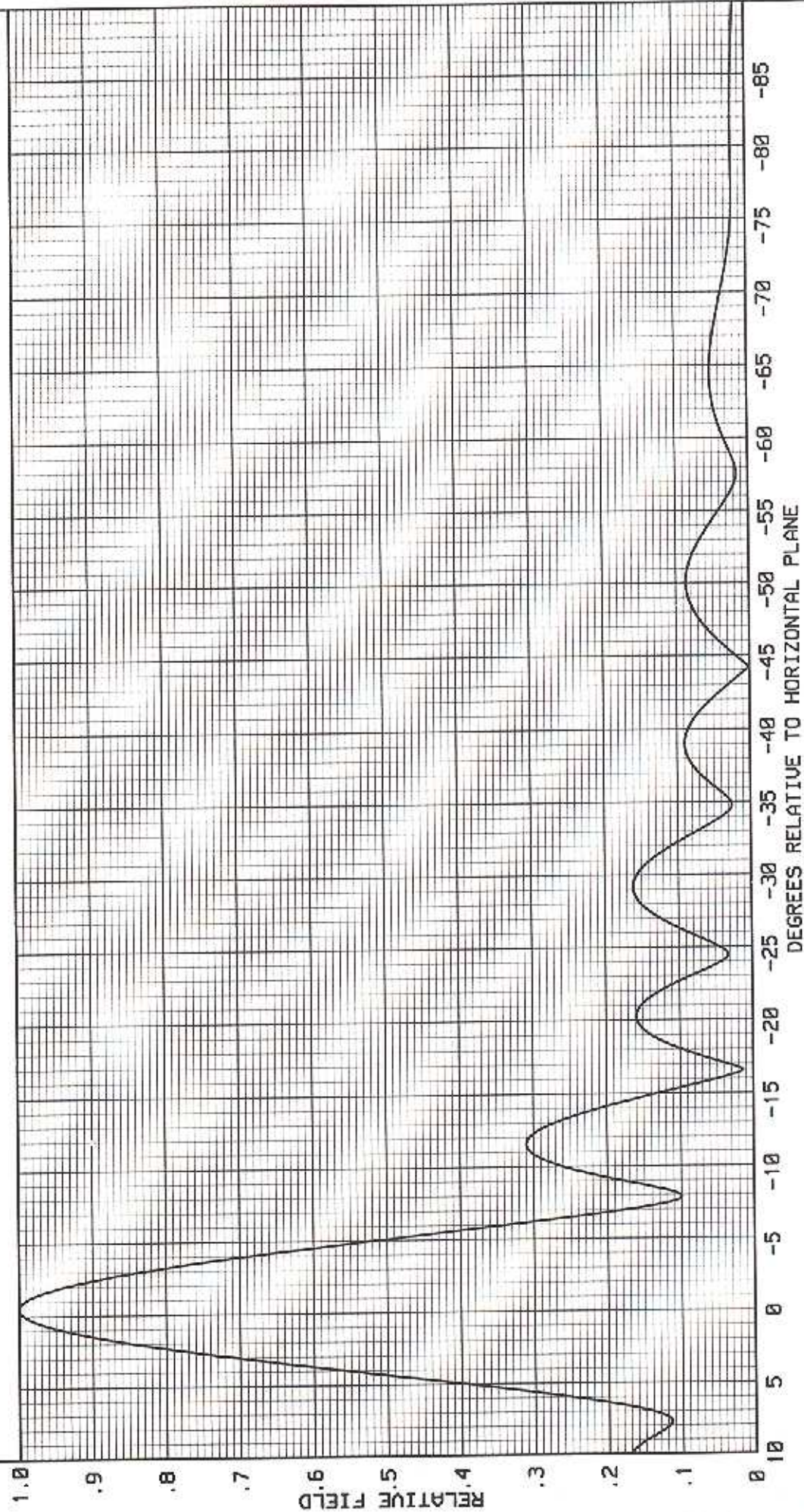


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FIGURE 6.2B

-----THEORETICAL-----
VERTICAL PLANE RELATIVE FIELD
10 LEVELS OF TYPE 1080 ELEMENTS
- .50 DEGREE(S) BEAM TILT
10 PERCENT FIRST NULL FILL
1 PERCENT SECOND NULL FILL

JULY 11, 2000
95.5 MHz
BAY SPACING
92.00 INCHES
(.7444 WAVELENGTH)

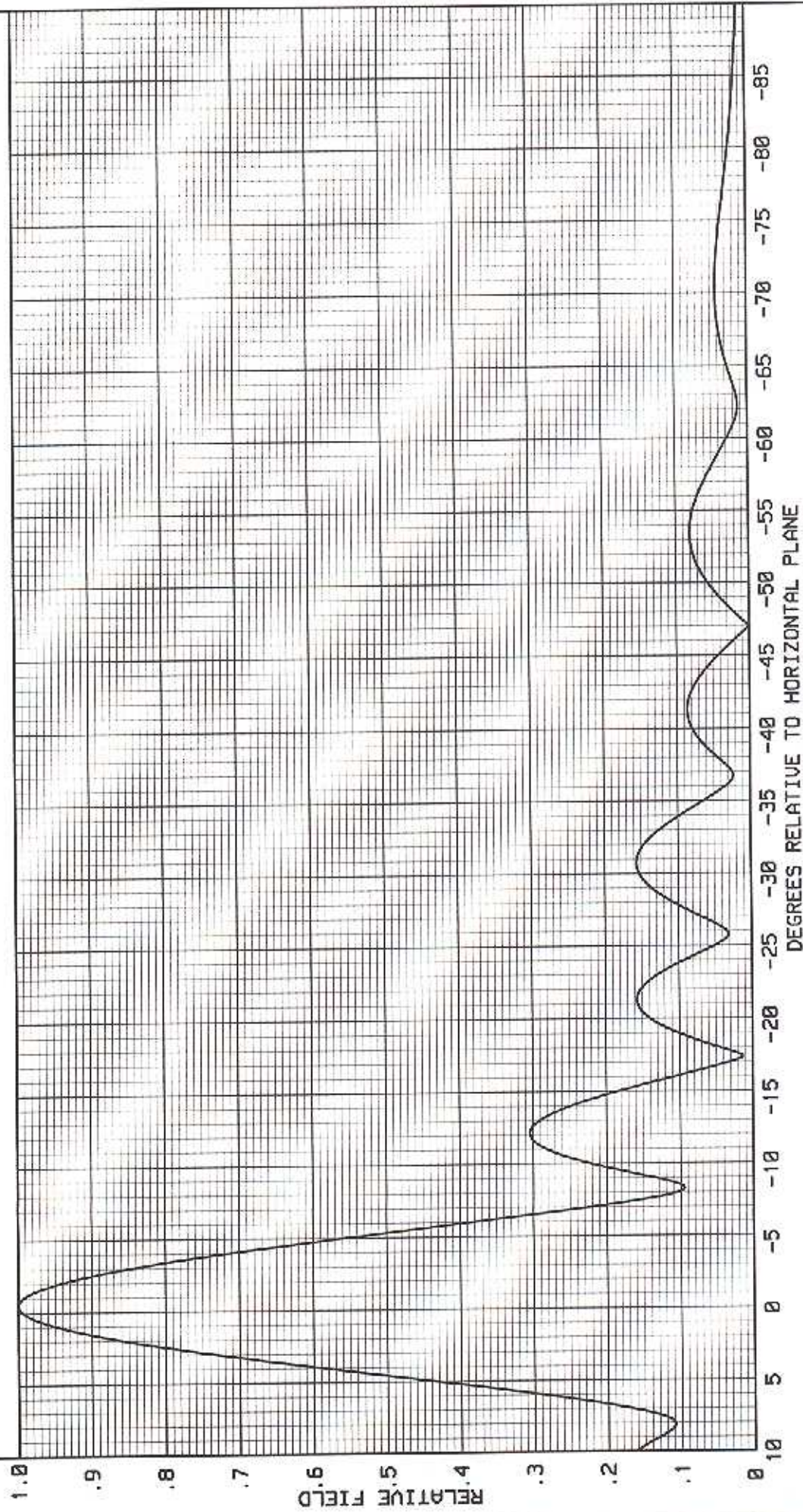


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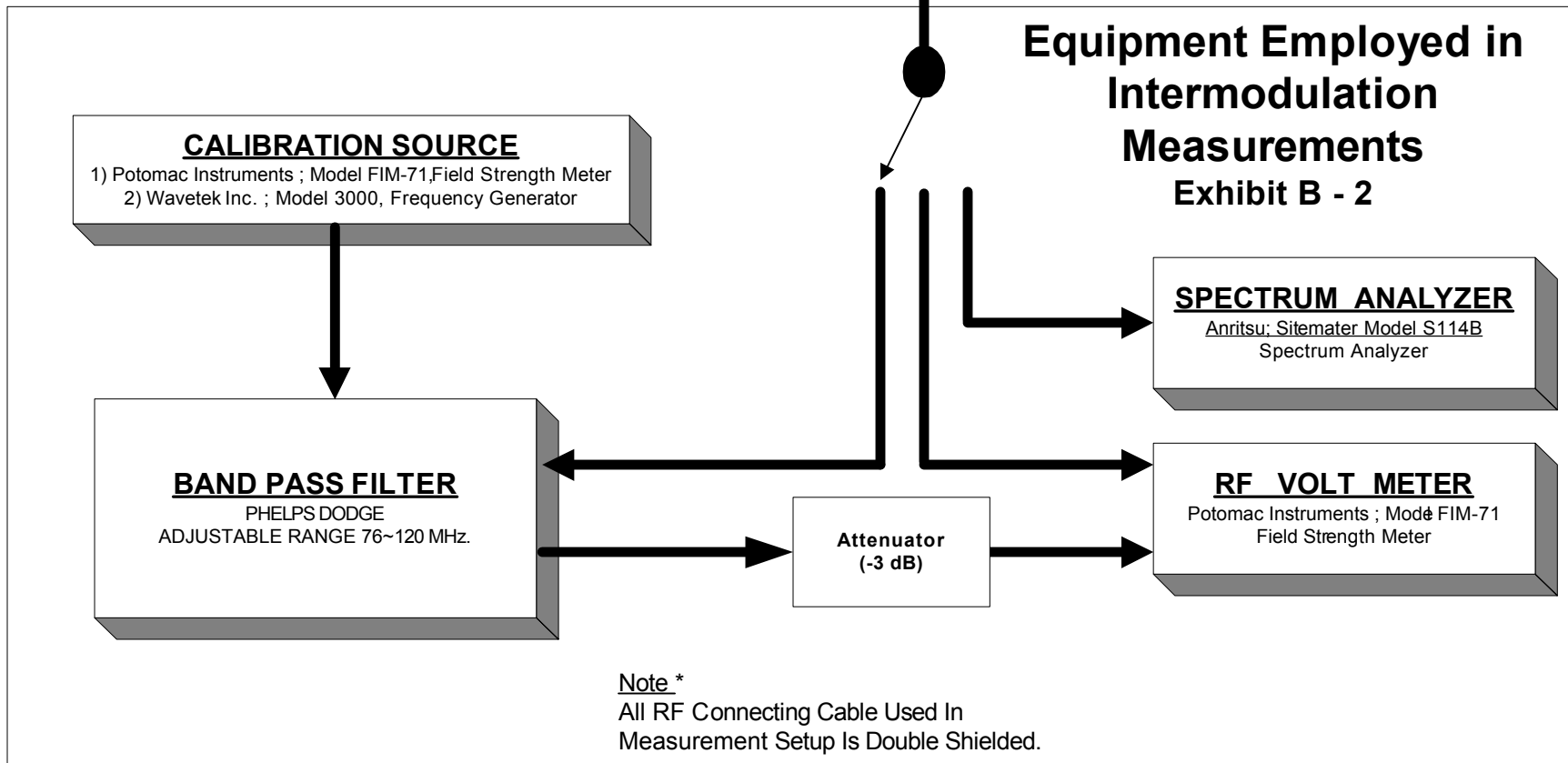
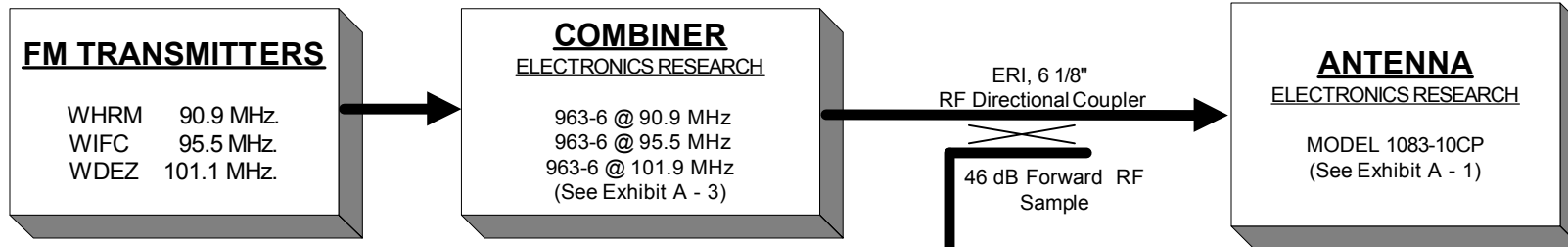
FIGURE 6.1B

-----THEORETICAL-----
VERTICAL PLANE RELATIVE FIELD
10 LEVELS OF TYPE 1080 ELEMENTS
- .50 DEGREE(S) BEAM TILT
9 PERCENT FIRST NULL FILL
1 PERCENT SECOND NULL FILL

JULY 11, 2000
90.9 MHz
BAY SPACING
92.00 INCHES
(.7085 WAVELENGTH)



WHRM ~ WIFC ~ WDEZ Broadcasting Scheme EXHIBIT - B1



Broadcasting Scheme and Equipment Employed in
Intermodulation Measurements

EXHIBIT B