

**WORKSHEET #7:  
ENVIRONMENTAL FOR RESERVED CHANNEL NCE STATIONS**

All NCE applicants can use the General Environmental Worksheet. Some, but not all, applicants for NCE- FM facilities will also be able to use the RF worksheets. Generally, an AM or FM applicant can use the RF worksheets if: (1) it is the only user on its tower; or (2) its station is one of several FM/FM translator stations located on a single tower.

If an applicant cannot use the RF worksheets, it may show its compliance with RF guidelines in other ways, as detailed in OET Bulletin 65.

If the worksheets indicate that an applicant exceeds acceptable RF levels, it does not necessarily mean that the proposed station does not or cannot meet the Commission's RF requirements. The worksheets are based on generalized "worst case" presumptions. It may be that a more individualized evaluation of the proposed station (possibly with the help of a consulting engineer) will demonstrate that RF levels are acceptable. Among the individual factors that may be relevant are antenna radiation patterns, actual RF measurements, barriers/precautions that prevent access to high RF areas, etc. These factors are also explained in OET Bulletin 65.

Applicants satisfying the RF requirements on the basis of such non-worksheet factors should submit a detailed explanation demonstrating their compliance. Otherwise, applicants should submit an Environmental Assessment, as explained in 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1311, explaining the environmental consequences of the proposed station's operation.

**A. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHEET**

Commission grant of an application may have a significant environmental impact, thereby requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA), if you answer "Yes" to any of the following 8 items:

- 1. involves high intensity white lighting located in residential neighborhoods.  Yes  No
- 2. is located in an officially designated wilderness area or wildlife preserve.  Yes  No
- 3. threatens the existence or habitat of endangered species.  Yes  No
- 4. affects districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or are eligible for listing.  Yes  No
- 5. affects Indian religious sites.  Yes  No
- 6. is located in a floodplain.  Yes  No
- 7. requires construction that involved significant changes in surface features (e.g., wetland fill, deforestation or water diversion).  Yes  No
- 8. does not comply with the FCC established guidelines regarding exposure to RF electromagnetic fields as described in OET Bulletin 65.  Yes  No

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants who answered "No" to all questions on this General Worksheet but who are relying on information **other than that in our RF Worksheets** to support their RF compliance statement should submit a detailed explanation demonstrating their compliance.

Applicants answering "Yes" to any question on this General Worksheet should submit an Environmental Assessment, which is described in the instructions for Section VII.