



Alaska Land Mobile Radio Spectrum Licensing and Management Policy

1. Applicability

This policy applies to the responsible spectrum managers for the State of Alaska (SOA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) Alaskan Command regarding the shared frequencies utilized for the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) Communications System. Any substantial revision or update of this policy must be approved by the User Council.

2. Policy

Responsibility for Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing actions falls with SOA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) Alaska Public Safety Communications Service (APSCS). Responsibility for National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) licensing falls under the Alaskan Command J-6 Joint Frequency Management Office - Alaska (JFMO-AK).

3. Procedures

Both the SOA and JFMO-AK shall work closely together on spectrum issues. The approved frequency plan established shared use of narrowband VHF frequencies and required extensive coordination between the FCC and the NTIA, as well as an FCC waiver of certain rules to allow for the shared use of both Federal DOD and FCC-controlled VHF spectrum bands.

The waiver allows ALMR to operate using 120 VHF frequencies for fixed transmit locations using public safety spectrum (154.650 – 156.240 MHz) under the jurisdiction of the FCC, and 120 frequencies for mobile transmit using Federal DOD spectrum (138-144 MHz) under the jurisdiction of NTIA. Further requirements are noted in ALMR Spectrum Licensing and Management Procedure 400-12.

4. Effective Date

This policy shall become effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until rescinded. The policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated, as required.

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