

BC Amateur Repeater Coordination Council
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Information Update for the BCARCC Annual General Meeting

Antenna Support Structures

- Changes to CPC 2-0-03 *Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems* announced early in 2014 became effective with release of Issue 5 in July 2014. Commercial operators were directly affected by changes to consultation requirements; however amateur radio operators should be aware that there have been wording changes that affect all structure proponents.
 - **Existing Antenna Systems (excluded from land use and public consultation requirements):** where modifications are made, antennas added or the tower replaced*, including to facilitate sharing, provided that the total cumulative height increase is no greater than 25% of the height of the initial antenna system installation.** **No increase in height may occur within one year of completion of the initial construction.** This exclusion does not apply to antenna systems using purpose built antenna supporting structures with a height of less than 15 metres above ground level operated by telecommunications carriers, broadcasting undertakings or third party tower owners;
 - Whether the proponent followed a land-use authority's consultation process or Industry Canada's default public consultation process, **construction of an antenna system must be completed within three years of the conclusion of consultation.** After three years, consultations will no longer be deemed valid except in the case where a proponent secures the agreement of the relevant land-use authority to an extension for a specified time period in writing. A copy of the agreement must be provided to the local Industry Canada office.

Enforcement Issues

- CPC 3-24-01 Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPS) Under the Radiocommunication Act – Guidance to Stakeholders.
 - Posted April 2 2015, this document provides guidance about how administrative monetary penalties will be use by Industry Canada. In cases where Industry Canada's spectrum requirements are not being met through voluntary compliance, an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) may be imposed. AMPs are financial penalties that encourage compliance with regulatory requirements, such as those established by Industry Canada relating to spectrum management and wireless services in Canada. AMPs allow for a measured, proportionate response to a wide range of violations under the Radiocommunication Act.
 - The imposition of AMPs is one of several different actions that may be taken by the Department to enforce its requirements, particularly in cases of more serious violations. Other possible actions include: issuing tickets under the Contraventions Act, which include small fines; issuing orders to take specific measures to come into compliance where radio interference is being caused; seizing devices that do not meet technical standards or are prohibited, such as jammers; and prosecution of regulatory offences.
 - For further information please refer to the IC Compliance and Enforcement web page.

New Spectrum Management System

- Industry Canada is modernizing its Spectrum Management System, which will result in changes to radio licences and the online services used to file applications and to access information.
 - The system will provide new ways of issuing and managing radiocommunication licences in real time, using a more streamlined, automated process and a more stable core system.
 - The project will follow a phased-in approach, with different services transitioned from the legacy systems over a series of releases, starting with a pilot release.
 - Other service lines will follow, with completion of this project scheduled for March 31, 2016.
 - Amateur and professional radio certification admin systems are not currently within scope of this project.

Staffing Update

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