



Alaska Land Mobile Radio Spectrum Licensing and Management Policy

1. Applicability

This policy applies to all agencies operating on the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) Communications System. Any revision or update of this policy must be approved by the User Council.

2. Policy

The ultimate responsibility for Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing actions falls with the State of Alaska (SOA), Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) Division, and the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) licensing, responsibility falls under the Alaskan Command J-6, Joint Frequency Management Office, Alaska (JFMO-AK). In addition, delegation of authority must be provided to the ALMR Operations Manager to provide for the day-to-day coordination of FCC and NTIA licensing operational and program management actions, including the responsibility for appropriate dissemination of radio station authorizations, and any changes to them, between the State of Alaska and the Department of Defense-Alaska.

3. Procedures

Due to an approved shared spectrum plan between the SOA and DOD-Alaska, both agencies should work closely together on spectrum issues. The approved 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 (FCC DA03-2612, Aug 03) allows for 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This policy shall become effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until rescinded.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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