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Advisories and Policies

Due to personnel and budget reductions imposed upon the Radiation Control Program, we are no longer requiring notification and approval from companies that install radiofrequency antennas or facilities as outlined under 105 CMR 122.021. Companies installing radiofrequency antennas should ensure that they are meeting the FCC requirements for the installation.

A guide for local government officials (June 2, 2000) concerning the FCC requirements which complements the FCC's OET Bulletin 65, "Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields", August 1997 is available along with Bulletin 65. To obtain this information, please contact the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology (phone: 202-418-2464 or e-mail: rf_safety@fcc.gov). Bulletin 65 can also be accessed and downloaded from the FCC's "RF Safety" website.

Since the FCC requirements are now identical to the requirements under 105 CMR 122.021, reporting to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is no longer necessary. The citation in the regulations will be changed during the next revision of the Radiation Control Program's regulations.

If there are any questions concerning health effects regarding radiofrequency antennas, individuals may contact the Center for Environmental Health Assessment of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-624-5757.

This information is provided by the [Radiation Control Program](#) within the [Department of Public Health](#).

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From: McSheffery, Christina (DPH) [Christina.Mcsheffery@state.ma.us]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 10:16 AM
To: Kevin Eriksen
Cc: HHSWebService (EHS)
Subject: FW: DPH Website Feedback

Good morning -

I apologize for the delay in our response.

I've spoken with our Environmental Health Department here and they said that a place like that would not result in enough radiation to meet DPH's regulatory requirements.

If you had more specific questions, you could certainly contact Environmental Health directly by calling 617-624-5757 or Radiation Control at 617-242-3035.

I hope this information proves helpful.

-----Original Message-----

From: apache@w3.mass.gov [mailto:apache@w3.mass.gov] On Behalf Of Hhswebservice, (EHS)
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Subject

DPH comment on Wireless Communication Facility

Comments

Good afternoon,

I am an attorney representing a client on an application for a Special Permit for a wireless communication facility. The Town has requested, per their bylaw, a letter from the Department of Public Health stating that the facility as proposed is in compliance with Mass DPH Regulations. I was under the impression that DPH no longer commented on Wireless Communication Facilities (Cell Towers) but wanted to verify. If a letter of compliance can be obtained, what is the necessary process to obtain same. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Kevin Eriksen