

I oppose the suggested changes to the 1675-1710 Mega Hertz band.

I am a resident of Key West, FL and, as such, am greatly impacted by anything that would interfere with my timely access to all information having to do with tropical weather.

Evacuation is an arduous and extremely expensive proposition. The closet motel room is at least 160 miles away on a two lane road. This trip takes 4-5 hours in normal situations. If an evacuation is deemed necessary, the same trip could easily stretch to 10 hours. If, as often the case, the two counties to our north (Dade and Broward) are also under evacuation, it would be necessary to travel all the way to the west coast of Florida to find safe haven. That would be 350 miles one way.

Since the trip north is so long, combined with the need to leave well before hurricane landfall, the loss of time at work would run at least one week, and quite possibly longer. This is very costly.

So, because of the wages lost, it is very, very important to make the best decision on when or if to evacuate. The information we need is almost totally delivered by satellite. The GOES views are probably the best source of on time information needed to make the "should I stay, or should I go" decision.

During these Tropical Events, the traffic from these satellites is staggering in its volume. The very LAST thing we need is a middleman in the process whose interest is commercial.

Please leave the 1675-1710 MHz band as it is. Our lives may depend on it.