

Ham License Proposed Rule Making:

Docket 98-143

While Morse code has been the main stay of effective communications, the new digital modes offer considerable improvement in speed and accuracy. It is apparent that Morse code is no longer the communications tool of choice.

The proposed reductions and elimination of code requirements is a big step in the right direction. The direction should be to promote Amateur radio to young people has an educational & fun look at technology! In fact it is unfortunate that we are so slow to react to the decrease in radio activity and the average ham population age continues to increase. The value of amateur radio has been proven time after time with its unique infrastructure to deal with emergency communications and improvement in communication technology.

I fully support the FCC and the ARRL` proposal to reduce the CW requirements to a minimum. I wished the reductions were even more aggressive.

In the matter of rules enforcement it is apparent that any one wishing to use two way radio or broadcast transmitters for illegal use is at an all time high. Clearly the airwaves are occupied by a growing number of lawless and immoral people. This disease needs an antidote, which could come from either or both the private sector such as the ARRL or maybe local law enforcement. However since it the US government which enacts the laws and administrates them I believe it should also enforce them! Clearly the current money saving policies are tadamont to shirking government responsibilities. The government can not pass the buck without serious side effects. That is loss of control!