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**From:** "Joe Overstreet" <W1GTK@turbonet.com>  
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**Date:** Sat, Oct 17, 1998 8:42 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: ECFS Reply Part 97, Changes to Amateur Radio Service NPRM 9150

I am not able to get my comments through on ecfs. Would you please accept this as my comments on NPRM 9150, and forward it to the appropriate person.

Thanks, Joe Overstreet

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> Dear FCC,  
>  
> I wish to comment on Part E subpar 20 of the NPRM 9150, in regard to  
> Telgraphy Examination Requirements.  
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> I do not believe there should be any requirement for a code test to  
> obtain  
> an amateur radio license. The morse code is an old outdated mode of  
> communications. It is slow, limited in the type and amount of  
> information  
> that can be passed, and occupies a frequency for longer than necessary.  
>  
> When I first got my license, 45 years ago, many people, including myself  
> were using the code. Then as AM was phased out and SSB came in many  
> switched. Likewise to FM, RTTY, Packet etc. I haven't used code for  
> years, and probably will not use it again.  
>  
> Does the ability to copy code make a better ham. In my opinion NO. The  
> ability to know electronics, regulations, and to have and use operating  
> skill in many modes is far more important, and leads to a better trained  
> and qualified ham.  
>  
> Gone are the days when ships, planes, and governments use code. I do  
> not  
> believe that code knowledge is necessary now or in the future. A small  
> part of each ham band should be set aside for code if some hams want to  
> use  
> it. However most space should be devoted to more current modes of  
> transmission.  
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> Finally, I have participated in emergency service communications  
> numerous  
> times over the last 45 years, and in each case there has not been a need  
> for, nor use of the code to communicate.  
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> 73, Joe Overstreet  
> W1GTK  
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