

I support the petition to keep morse code as a requirement in the amatuer radio service. Morse code communications is narrow band and efficient in communicating during difficult conditions. It is the most reliable of all communications modes and is essential with the current environment involving terrorism. Amateur radio will always be a significant part of any local or national emergency communications network and it is essential that operators have all available communications means at their disposal. The outcry to eliminate the code should be ignored. The written tests no longer reflect the technical committment to gaining the knowledge that leads one to respect the accomplishments of those who are successful in the endeavour. The morse code requires a committment that the written testing cannot instill.