

RE: NPRM 05-235

I support removing the Morse Code requirement, but not Morse Code. I think that even though Morse Code might be out-dated, it is good to know in the event that somebody needs to tap on a pipe to be rescued. Rarely in the computer age will CW be the only mode of communications to get thru. However, there are people like myself that don't mind the code, they just can't seem to pass the test. Which I can read it ok until I enter the room to take the test. If there are more people out there like me that want to get on HF, but can't pass the test, then this would help very much. It is my hope that this will help spark the interest of the younger people in our country. I am afraid though, that this might cause a "CB" effect in HAM radio. Just make sure that you keep the theory testing to keep this from happening. Just make the CW change soon!

Thanks,
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