

For the Responsible Section.....

With regards to the above NPRM regarding the elimination of the Morse Code requirement to obtain a U.S. Amateur Radio License, I am opposed to the elimination of the already weakened Morse Code requirement. It is my opinion that Morse Code should be a requirement to obtain any class of license, and the higher the class of license, the higher the code speed requirement should be.

I am convinced there will be a greatly unbalanced number of responses regarding this NPRM, the greatest majority I think will be in favor of elimination of the code requirement. This is only natural because those who will not take the time and effort to learn the code will use any "back door" method they may be able to use to circumvent this necessary mode of transmission. In this vein of a super majority casting their votes for the elimination of the code, I would say for the FCC to make their decision based largely on the majority of the respondents to this NPRM would be like a group of 12 hungry wolves and 1 sheep taking a vote in the group to see what they wanted for dinner.

As stated above, I am not only opposed to the elimination of the Morse Code requirement, but am very much in favor of reinstating the Morse Code requirements that were in effect a few years ago when the requirement was 20 WPM for Thank you, Extra, 13 WPM for Advanced and General, 5 WPM for technician and Novice.

Thank You, Robert L Garvey (ke7ul Extra Class)