

Filing in opposition to 11306

My name is Mike, W5RKL, and I am an avid AMer. I am not in favor of eliminating AM as a mode simply because some folks don't care for it, one way or the other. AM is just as much a valid mode as sideband is. For the FCC to possibly eliminate it as a voice mode is unacceptable.

In my experience, there are too many hams that do not take the time to learn about their radios nor do they use the resources such as filtering whether DSP or analog, to share the frequencies. Their way is to eliminate the AM mode by protesting to the FCC and other government officials

AM, when properly used, does not take up any additional bandwidth and should not be eliminated. I've been a ham for over 37 years and over the years I have listened and talked to many stations on AM and sideband. Hams need to learn about their radios and stop being "Appliance Operators" like CBers are. Use the resources available to them through their radios and start being HAMS instead of blowing smoke to the FCC and government officials because they don't like the AM mode.

If anything should be done to the regulations, it should be the power limitations. Entirely too many stations use high power, 1kw or more, each and everyday whether the conditions warrant it or not. Power should be limited to a maximum of 750 watts output and hams need to start adhering to the regulations where it states, only sufficient power is to be used to affect the communications. It's not AM that's the problem, it's the hams that do not take the time to learn about their equipment and the filtering/resources the high tech ham equipment of today.

There's no need to eliminate the AM mode!!!

73's,

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