

In response to the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina, I make the following recommendations:

+Move quickly on the processing of ARRL Petition for Rule Making RM-11306 to make optimal use of current and future technology to expedite emergency communications to the public's benefit.

Reference the use of Winlink communications in the document, "Failure of Initiative" and it becomes clear that the flexibility of band use is highly desirable.

+Expedite a decision on the code requirement for general class licensees. Regardless of the merits of the decision, delaying the decision is causing new amateurs to wait their decisions on their direction to take. These amateurs are needed in the disaster theater and training needs to begin as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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