

As the AFRCC SAR Program manager and USAF SARSAT Liaison I fully support the proposed rulemaking regarding whether the Commission should phase out its authorization of emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) designed to operate on 121.5 MHz.

In light of the long standing IMO/ICAO request to terminate processing of these alert through the Cospas-Sarsat system

as well as the documented issues that Search and Rescue providers have and continue to experience regarding 121.5 beacons, this proposed rulemaking is way overdue. 406 MHz distress alerting beacons offer search and rescue providers and beacon users a quantum leap in technology and significantly more precise distress alerting. It is time to remove the authorization and press on with getting the aviation community to start transitioning to 406 Mhz technology.