

Although the ARRL has revised RM-11306 to exclude the HF bands, I wish to continue to support the deletion of 97.221 C (2) in order to enhance the radio Art.

Self-regulation is and has been a hallmark of the Amateur Radio service. Voluntary band plans to include designated-purpose frequencies, repeater coordination councils and other mechanisms work well. We should expect them to continue to do so in the future.

Moving to regulation by necessary bandwidth and not mode and relying upon voluntary band planning will create a manageable regulatory environment that will encourage the future development of new and efficient digital modes for both voice and data, bringing Amateur radio into the 21st Century and up to today's communications standards.

Due to the growth of digital communications in its role as a proven and effective method of supplementing emergency communications, especially where normal infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, I am most concerned that there is no reasonable provisions for such operations in the current unreasonable band spaces now offered in 97.221 C (2) for "local or remote control."

As a participant in Emergency Communications, It is true that many large, verbose proclamations, etc. simply cannot be successfully passed via voice. Digital communication techniques such as Winlink allow these missives to be passed clearly, with no loss of information. Winlink has already proven itself to be a properly self-policing technique, especially through the use of dedicated administrative persons. Please consider passing the original Rm-11306 in it's entirety.