

To: FCC Commissioners

RE: Comments of - Grant Hays AAA9O/WB6OTS
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"This petition will greatly reduce the emergency communications support amateur radio operators provide to local, state, regional and federal agencies during disasters and emergencies. PACTOR 3, MT-63 are crucial capabilities in fast and effective communications for emergency management personnel. Using these digital modes, documents, photos, data bases as well as e-mail can be moved with speed and efficiency. PACTOR 3 and MT-63 are major modes used to interface local/state EOCs and emergency management personnel with the Army MARS system which supports Federal Agencies such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)."

This petition will have no effect on MARS operations. MARS operations are not conducted under the auspices of Part 97.

These comments should be disregarded.