

Comment on WP Docket 10-72

My name is Cynthia Kaimimoku, amateur radio operator WH7JA. I am a volunteer RACES, CERT, and American Red Cross volunteer. Additionally, I am a hospital employee participating in monthly Healthcomm exercises. It has become my increased desire to train prior to any disasters and calamities that might occur here in the isolation of the Hawaiian Islands. Prior training would allow me confidence and accuracy in assisting my community in emergency communications in all above entities.

Having said that, I support WP Docket 10-72, relating to Amateur Radio operations during government-sponsored preparedness and disaster readiness drills and tests. The proposed exception eliminates the need to file waivers allows employee to participate in sending and receiving simulated emergency messages on behalf of their employees. It frees up time for the FCC staff, government emergency management agencies and volunteers such as my self for actual preparedness activities.

I have been made aware of the countless hours necessary to submit such a waiver to the FCC necessary for our recent annual hurricane exercise on May 2010. These exhaustive efforts, I feel, would have been better spent toward the planning, training and execution of a simulated disaster. Equipping the Amateur Radio operators prior to disaster reaps the confidence and desire to step forward, both in training scenarios, but more importantly, in real need situations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I respectfully submit them.

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