

I am Roger Cooper, N3RC, an active ham for over 50 years with over 30 years of government service including membership in the National Communications Systems (NCS) Council of Principals (COP). I am concerned about the the radiolocation aspect of this proposal. As you are aware there is much uncertainty about future sunspot cycles. Many scientists feel we may have seen the last big sunspot cycle for at least several decades. During the bottom of the last sunspot cycle, the only ham band capable of supporting short range, Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) at night was the 160 Meter Band. Ham licensees will need to increase their use of 160M to carry on normal communications as well as being prepared for local and regional emergency communications.