

We support the Region 12 RPC and the Idaho SIEC in their request to waive the mandatory 700 MHz narrowband deadline altogether.

We provide sales and service of P25 radios to over 50 agencies here in Eastern Idaho. We have personal knowledge that most - if not all agencies, would have no chance in funding a new system when they have just completed installing Phase 1 systems. The elimination of this date would allow the users to fully realize the full lifecycle of their equipment and would be fiscally responsible to our citizens. If your implementation of this rule occurs in 2016, it would negatively impact agency interoperability and force some users back onto legacy systems.

The transition to P25 phase 2 makes no sense for many reasons including: 1) P25 standards for Phase 2 are not even done! 2) There is no benefit in moving to Phase 2 in areas where frequency congestion is not a problem - in fact moving to Phase 2 will reduce system range and cause even further hardship. 3) Moving to Phase 2 will NOT increase interoperability - in fact just the opposite as agencies return to communications mediums they can afford.

If Phase 2 ever offers reason to move to that technology, the users - under free market choice will make those decisions and provide the necessary funding! - Without any mandates.

The citizens in the US do not benefit from this mandate and in fact will be damaged as many first responders will lose the interoperability they have worked so hard to attain. The only people that benefit from this mandate are the manufacturers. It is not the job of the FCC to look out for the manufacturers.