

I support the proposed change for the following reasons:

1. It does not change the bandwidth or frequencies available for digital signals. No new spectrum is being allocated for digital use. Therefore, it has no negative impact on ham radio spectrum usage.
2. It allows for more efficient use of existing spectrum thereby actually decreasing congestion in crowded segments.
3. It is ironic that the US, supposedly a leader in communications, cannot use the latest technology, nor can we participate in the development of even more efficient spectrum usage due to an antiquated rule.
4. It immediately allows for deployment of Pactor 4 which will improve hams ability to provide emergency communications.