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Office of the Secretary,  
Federal Communications Commission,  
445 12th Street SW,  
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Re: Media Bureau Docket Number 13-249  
In the Matter of Revitalization of the AM Radio Service

service however, there are many examples of small-town AM stations being the lifeblood of their communities; for them, the AM band remains valuable and it could be potentially more so under a different allocation model.

I believe the FM translator filing window proposed in the subject NPRM would hasten the abandonment of the AM band by the public, crowd the FM band to the detriment of diversity and LPFM aspirants, and create an underclass of *de facto* FM licensees forced to maintain costly

# Further Rulemakings regarding AM radio might best be informed by environmental studies of the current AM radio environment

On 12/15/2011, the FCC released a report titled "AM Radio in the 21st Century: A Report to Congress on the Current State of the AM Radio Industry and the Impact of Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) on AM Radio." The report is available at [http://www.fcc.gov/bureaus\\_divisions/air\\_mails/AM%20Radio%20in%20the%2021st%20Century%20-%20A%20Report%20to%20Congress%20on%20the%20Current%20State%20of%20the%20AM%20Radio%20Industry%20and%20the%20Impact%20of%20Digital%20Audio%20Broadcasting%20\(DAB\)%20on%20AM%20Radio.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/bureaus_divisions/air_mails/AM%20Radio%20in%20the%2021st%20Century%20-%20A%20Report%20to%20Congress%20on%20the%20Current%20State%20of%20the%20AM%20Radio%20Industry%20and%20the%20Impact%20of%20Digital%20Audio%20Broadcasting%20(DAB)%20on%20AM%20Radio.pdf).

The report is a comprehensive study of the AM radio industry and the impact of DAB on AM radio. It includes a detailed analysis of the current state of the AM radio industry, including the number of stations, the amount of advertising revenue, and the impact of DAB on AM radio.

The report also includes a detailed analysis of the impact of DAB on AM radio, including the impact on advertising revenue, the impact on station operations, and the impact on the overall AM radio environment.

The report is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the AM radio industry and the impact of DAB on AM radio.



AM Radio in the 21st Century