

Since the Commission's narrowbanding requirement went into effect on January 1, 2013, all VHF/UHF Industrial/Business and Public Safety Radio Pool licensees in the 150-174 MHz and 421-470 MHz bands are required to operate on channels with a maximum bandwidth of 12.5 kilohertz (occupied bandwidth of 11.25 kHz or less) or equivalent efficiency, unless they are operating under the terms of a waiver. The license information in the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS) for Station(s) listed at the bottom of this email still reflects one or more emission designators with an occupied bandwidth exceeding 11.25 kilohertz, but our records do not indicate either that the station operates with narrowband-equivalent efficiency or that the station was granted a waiver of the January 1, 2013 deadline. Accordingly, action is required to update the license to comply with the narrowband rules. Failure to update the license may have undesirable consequences, such as dismissal or return of any application pertaining to the license.

Licenses that list only wideband emission designator(s) should be modified to replace the wideband emission designator(s) with narrowband emission designator(s); licenses that list both wideband and narrowband emission designators should be modified to remove the wideband emission designator(s). Licensees can use one of the two ULS narrowbanding tools to make these modifications. These tools provide a streamlined process for filing applications to remove a wideband emission designator or reduce bandwidth on a wideband emission designator to narrowband (occupied bandwidth of 11.25 kHz or less). These applications require neither frequency coordination nor payment of Commission fees. The narrowbanding modification tools will only provide access to authorizations that do not require IRAC coordination or Quiet Zone notification and that are not associated with any other pending applications.

To access the narrowbanding modification tools, users must use a FCC Registration Number and Password or a unique access code. Licensees who need an access code should contact the Licensing Support Center at (877) 480-3201, option #5. For questions or additional information on how to file applications to modify or delete wideband emissions, users should consult the web at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/narrowbanding-overview> or contact the Licensing Support Center using the eSupport link, <https://esupport.fcc.gov/onlinerequest.htm>

If the station operates with an occupied bandwidth wider than 11.25 kilohertz but with equivalent efficiency, you must certify that the station is narrowband-equivalent. Licensees may file this certification as an attachment to an administrative update for their affected licenses (Rule 90.209(b)(6) Certification should be selected in the Add Attachment Type drop down list). The applicant must include the equipment's FCC ID number with the attachment or certification, which will enable Commission licensing staff to confirm that the equipment operates in a narrowband-equivalent mode. If necessary, Commission staff will seek further information from the applicant.

Licenses who still have authorizations but no longer are operating radio systems may cancel their authorizations by filing a cancellation application.