

Being in the television broadcast Systems Integration business, I stand in awe of the complete lack of compliance and enforcement thus far under the existing rules. The existing rules, when approached in good faith, are quite clear and easy to follow...however, when the bean counters get hold of the rules and squeeze them for loopholes, HDTV becomes 4 channels of lousy TV with 4 times the commercials, if not more. The compression levels have, regrettably resulted in reduced picture quality in the home and consumers will never see HDTV as is being represented to the public, rather they will see a compressed, artifact-laden picture. As far as Spectrum Recovery goes, it sounds like a reasonable idea when taken in overall context, but it has run amuck due to the likes of Nextel and others with their spectrum swap scheme. If I saw some hard-handed enforcement of Nextel et al, I would feel better about all this. Obviously, something along these lines has to take place, but don't allow single parties/entities to profit from twisting the intent to suit their singular needs. Fix the cellular vs trunked interference and cable TV leakage issues first...then look for support.