

As the manager of the Hurricane Watch Net (www.hwn.org), I have serious concerns about any effort which might jeopardize the effectiveness of emergency communications on the HF ham bands. My specific interest is during Hurricane Season during which time the Hurricane Watch Net provides emergency communications to the National Hurricane Center when a hurricane threatens any populated area in the Caribbean, Central America, Gulf of Mexico, and the US Eastern Shores. During these times of emergency, it is quite common that HF radio stations in the storm affected areas will be operating on emergency power with less than optimum antenna systems. Consequently, it is paramount that the net frequency be kept free of unnecessary interference. From reports I have read, it is reasonable to expect that BPL, if authorized will likely interject high noise levels to these HF frequencies. We cannot accept such an occasion. Therefore, I violently OPPOSE any action to allow or approve BPL.

Sincerely,
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