

I am writing in regards to both the proposed increases in the allowable levels of BPL radiation in the frequencies between 2 and 80 MHz, and the increased use of BPL even at its current allowable limits. As a ham radio operator, I have seen both the importance and essential nature of ham radio communications on a regular basis and especially in emergency situations. I have also seen what noisy band conditions can do to HF communications -- all but render them useless for anything more than strong-signal more local contacts. BPL has documented potential to interfere with HF communications on a level that would render it next to useless, even at the current limits on BPL. The ARRL has documented this based on observations in communities which are employing BPL already. I urge you to reconsider allowing this medium, due to its high interference potential; strict limits must be placed on its use, in order to retain the valuable resource that the HF frequencies are, especially to trained ham radio operators who have demonstrated their value to communities time and time again in emergency situations. Thank you.