

I am an amateur radio operator, license K2AV, and have had extensive experience in public service radio, including some number of years as the volunteer Radio Officer for Putnam County (NY) office of Emergency Management, which included extensive amateur/government interaction related to Indian Point Nuclear drills. I was later elected Commissioner of the Cornwall (NY) Fire Department and involved in the management of same including communications.

These years of service have taught that it is very important to keep balance, and not be swayed by zealotry OR commercial interests. Also that it's better to come up later and avoid mistakes than clean up poorly advised, poorly designed systems after all the money is down.

Comments have stated that trials have been fair. However locations are not known, and common knowledge of these proceedings has been very slow to spread around. This appearance of secrecy may in and of itself be grounds to invalidate current proceedings.

Further, the real level of interference could not be known until the facilities are fully loaded. Therefore the effective figure for go/nogo must be an upward extrapolation of existing light load levels.

Under no circumstances should restrictions be relaxed until WIDESPREAD, well-publicized, trials are complete.

It is possible that the levels of interference reported by the American Radio Relay League (a most disturbing presentation available over the internet) are repairable situations. But the more cynical wonder if results are being deliberately underreported by those with a financial stake in the outcome. Either way the extremely negative results reported in other countries indicates that a VERY SLOW and deliberate pace should be followed here.

Lacking that deliberation, we may allow expensive deployment that must ultimately be torn down due to rendering HF frequencies unusable for private, government or amateur use. It will not matter whether comment was submitted in a timely fashion, or procedures followed, the damage will force the issue.

Some are already considering political relief which simply outlaws the technology.

In any event, as knowledge of the trials becomes commonplace, expect rather fierce and vocal opposition. The proceedings may have been quiet to date, but that is surely at an end, and BPL is clearly destined to be one of the most controversial proceedings in recent FCC history.

Gentlefolk, tread carefully here lest all involved be tarnished with a real debacle. Personally, I think a restart from the beginning would be extremely wise. There surely is an appropriate reason laying among the submissions.

My regards and good health to all.