

Ham Radio High Frequency Radio Communications are essential to Emergency Responders throughout the United States. As a Program Coordinator of Vermont Emergency Management RACES\* program, I am opposed to the implementation of exposed or open line BPL. BPL poses a serious threat to the effectiveness of all RACES Operators who depend on use of the HF Spectrum in providing Emergency Communications to the Vermont Department of Emergency Management and the citizens of the State of Vermont. I caution you to look, carefully, before you leap into the ill-advised implementation of BPL. One major Emergency may show you how just how ill-advised it is. I urge you not to put lives at risk for the sake of granting this ill-advised experimental frolic into BPL.

Most respectfully,

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