

There's a big difference between what's on paper and what happens in real life. Any government employee, either federal, state or local knows that statistics can be made to say what ever the person making them wants them to say. The same is true for environmental impact and interference studies. These papers mean nothing because they largely do not reflect what happens in the real world.

Unlike Neilson or Arbitron ratings, you cannot make hard decisions based on small samples over short periods of time in rural settings. Before you make a mistake similar to the Nextel disaster (A lack of enforcing your own rules in favor of the almighty dollar) please conduct a larger study in a larger market over an extended period of time. Perhaps in the area in which you all live is a good start. I believe policy makers suffer from a lack of realism and rely too much on other peoples input. Like the old saying, walk a mile in their shoes. Assume the position of the victim in this case. See how you like living where radio communications are interfered with. When your house is burning and the responding apparatus can't call the dispatcher for help, how will you feel? Your hobby is slowly being destroyed by the laziness of the same governing agency that grants it and now they want to "pollute" the hobby's life blood.

Stop answering to the person with the most money.