

Having spent several hours handling messages from the tornado stricken areas in Nebraska, it is clear that the HF Amateur radio bands do not need additional background noise generated by BPL. The Amateur frequencies need to be notched out of the allowable BPL operating range in a similar manner to the suggestions made by the NTIA for certain government frequencies.

Strict measurement requirements need to be put in place so that all parties, equipment manufacturers, utility owners, spectrum users and the general public have a reference from which to determine proper system operation and problem mitigation.

Finally, any level of increased background noise on the HF radio frequencies will cause interference to Amateur radio operators as they provide volunteer communications assistance to served agencies such as the Red Cross and to local and state government entities.