

Hi Joe:

It probably goes without saying that the league does not support the sharing of 144 MHz to 146 MHz with another service such as the aeronautical mobile service. If you look at the article towards the end and consider the approach taken, the league is urging restraint until the international amateur radio union comes up with a unified position. The league, through its membership in the international amateur radio union, is working on developing a joint approach. As you can see at the end of the article, it's recommended that we hold fire until an approach is presented. Individual petitions and letters from amateurs around the world will have less impact than what we may observe in the rulemaking procedures of the United States.

One thing is for sure. This type of attack on the amateur radio spectrum is going to increase, not decrease. Radio services throughout the world listen to the ham radio spectrum and have to ask themselves whether the type of operations that have become popular in the last 15 or 20 years is the type of use of valuable spectrum that the world should allow. While the United States can have one position, if there is a worldwide allocation to the aeronautical mobile service on that frequency band, it would be incompatible use with the amateur service in the United States. My fear domestically is that 440 MHz to 450 MHz may also, in the future, fall prey to the needs of the public safety radio service which will be losing 470 MHz to 512 MHz to a TV broadcasting auction due to be held beginning the year 2022. Public Safety radios already work from 440 MHz to 512 MHz. There is no other radio spectrum available that has not been consumed already that can provide that type of space.

Thank you for your concern because I know it is well-placed. I only learned about this proposal within the last month or so. Our league is addressing it.

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