

Source of flooding and location	# Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD).	Source of flooding and location	# Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD).	Source of flooding and location	# Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD).
At divergence from Blanco River	*599	At confluence with Little Bear Creek	*741	At confluence with Purgatory Creek	*583
<i>Loneman Creek:</i>		2,500 feet upstream of Chaparral Road	*790	At divergence from Purgatory Creek	*602
At confluence with Blanco River	*760	<i>Stream Bear-1:</i>		<i>Purgatory Creek Diversion No. 2:</i>	
Just above Deer Lake Road bridge	*913	At confluence with Bear Creek	*848	At confluence with Willow Springs Creek	*581
200 feet downstream of County Road 317	*1,042	At border of Hays and Travis Counties	*922	At divergence from Purgatory Creek	*585
<i>Smith Creek:</i>		<i>Stream Bear-1A:</i>		Maps are available for inspection at the Hays County Environmental Health Department, 1251 Civic Center Loop, San Marcos, Texas.	
At confluence with Loneman Creek	*872	At confluence with Stream Bear-1	*851	Maps are available for inspection at the City of Kyle Department of Public Works, City Hall, 101 South Burleson, Kyle, Texas.	
Above earthen dam 4,700 feet upstream from Deer Lake Road bridge	*1,015	2,000 feet upstream of Todd Road bridge	*1,037	Maps are available for inspection at the City of San Marcos Engineering Department, City Hall, 630 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas.	
<i>Cypress Creek:</i>		<i>Stream Bear-2:</i>		Maps are available for inspection at the City of Woodcreek, 17 Wildwood, Wimberley, Texas.	
At confluence with Blanco River	*839	At confluence with Bear Creek	*848	Maps are available for inspection at the City of Buda City Hall, 121 North Main Street, Buda, Texas.	
1,250 feet above confluence of Stream CC-3	*1,001	4,650 feet upstream of confluence with Bear Creek	*921	Maps are available for inspection at the City of Hays, c/o Mayor of Hays, 12633 Red Bud Trail, Buda, Texas.	
<i>Stream Cypress-1:</i>		<i>Barton Creek:</i>		Maps are available for inspection at the City of Niederwald, Go Forth Water Supply, 13841 Camino Real, Niederwald, Texas.	
At confluence with Cypress Creek	*967	At border of Hays and Travis Counties	*942	Maps are available for inspection at the Township of Uhland, 17 Cotton Gin Road, Uhland, Texas.	
3,900 feet upstream of Valley Spring Road	*1,033	At County Road 169	1,333		
<i>Wilson Creek:</i>		<i>Long Branch:</i>			
At confluence with the Blanco River	*843	At border of Hays and Travis Counties	*1,035		
100 feet downstream of dirt road that intersects FM 2325	*1,005	Above dam located 3,000 feet upstream of Carriage House Lane	*1,160		
<i>Willow Springs Creek:</i>		<i>Stream BC-1:</i>			
At confluence with the San Marcos River	*571	At confluence with Barton Creek	*1,085		
2,400 feet upstream of McCarty Lane	*715	3,300 feet upstream of confluence of Stream BC-1A ..	*1,124		
<i>Stream WSC-RR:</i>		<i>Stream BC-1A:</i>			
At confluence with Purgatory Creek Diversion No. 2	*582	At confluence with Stream BC-1	*948		
At diversion from Willow Springs Creek	*592	1,870 feet upstream of confluence with Stream BC-1 ..	*1,151		
<i>Stream WSC-1:</i>		<i>Roy Branch:</i>			
At confluence with Willow Springs Creek	*672	At confluence with Barton Creek	*957		
600 feet upstream of McCarty Lane	*707	2,100 feet upstream of Oakwood Lane bridge	*1,103		
<i>Purgatory Creek:</i>		<i>Cottonwood Branch:</i>			
At confluence with the San Marcos River	*571	At confluence with Ray Branch	*991		
Approximately 20,000 feet upstream of SCS Dam No. 4	*910	1,000 feet upstream of Hidden Hills Drive bridge	*1,096		
<i>Stream PC-1:</i>		<i>Little Barton Creek:</i>			
At confluence with Purgatory Creek	*653	At confluence with Barton Creek	*989		
6,300 feet upstream of McCarty Lane bridge	*792	2,500 feet upstream of Spring Lake Drive bridge ...	*1,245		
<i>Sink Creek:</i>		<i>Stream BC-2:</i>			
At confluence with the San Marcos River	*577	At confluence with Barton Creek	*1,096		
At County Road 213 crossing	*801	750 feet upstream of County Road 169	*1,227		
<i>Onion Creek:</i>		<i>Stream BC-2A:</i>			
At border of Travis and Hays Counties	*644	At confluence with Stream BC-2	*1,153		
Approximately 2.5 miles upstream of County Road 190 bridge	*1,141	Approximately 5,500 feet upstream of confluence with Stream BC-2	*1,236		
<i>Bear Creek:</i>		<i>School House Hollow:</i>			
At border of Hays and Travis Counties	*805	At confluence with Barton Creek	*1,119		
At dam located 2,000 feet upstream of Wildwood Hills Lane	*986	Above dam located 2,000 feet upstream of County Road 169 bridge	*1,192		
<i>Little Bear Creek:</i>		<i>Stream SH-1:</i>			
At border of Hays and Travis Counties	*672	At confluence with School House Hollow	*1,185		
2,500 feet upstream of Arbor Trail bridge	*815	Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of confluence with School House Hollow	*1,261		
<i>Stream LB-1:</i>		<i>Purgatory Creek Diversion No. 1:</i>			

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Michael J. Armstrong,

Associate Director for Mitigation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 0

[GC Docket No. 97-143; FCC 97-332]

Implementation of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This order amends the Commission's rules regarding implementation of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996 to comply with the changes mandated by the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996. This action will make it easier for the public to request access under the FOIA to the Commission's records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurence H. Schecker, Office of General Counsel, (202) 418-1720.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Adopted: September 18, 1997.
Released: September 23, 1997.

1. In this Order, we amend part 0 of our rules to implement the amendments to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") enacted in the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996 ("EFOIA").¹

Discussion

2. We instituted this proceeding to conform our rules to EFOIA's requirements governing electronic records and to implement the EFOIA directive that we provide for the expedited processing of FOIA requests.² Only two comments were received, neither of which addressed the substance of our proposals.³ For the reasons stated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), we adopt, as proposed, the following amendments to our Rules: amendments to § 0.461(a), to reflect the EFOIA requirement that agencies honor requests that records be provided in specific formats; amendments to § 0.461(g), to permit 20 working days to respond to initial FOIA requests and to provide requesters with the opportunity to both limit the scope of their requests or negotiate a time frame for processing requests; and amendments to sections §§ 0.441, 0.443, 0.453, 0.455, and 0.460, to provide the public with better guidance concerning the availability of Commission records. We also adopt, with a minor modification described below, the proposed new paragraph (h) to § 0.461,

which provides for the expedited processing of certain FOIA requests. The specific language of the amendments to part 0 is set forth below.

3. The Edgewood Students sought clarification of the method for filing FOIA requests. As they noted, FOIA requests can currently be filed by United States mail, hand delivery, or by electronic mail at <foia@fcc.gov>. FOIA requests may also be filed by facsimile. The NPRM proposed no changes in filing procedures. However, based on the Edgewood Students's comments, we believe § 0.461 should be amended to reflect the option of filing FOIA requests through electronic mail or by facsimile. We will therefore amend § 0.461 of our Rules to indicate that FOIA requests can be filed electronically. Similarly, we will modify our proposed rule for expedited processing of FOIA requests, § 0.461(h), to reflect the possibility of filing such requests through electronic mail. However, we do not at this time envision the filing of FOIA requests or applications for review through the electronic comment filing system (ECFS) currently being developed.⁴ Once that system is fully operational, we may reassess its applicability to the FOIA process.

4. The Edgewood Students's comments also addressed the availability of information on our Internet site. A wide variety of FCC information is already available on the Internet site, and more is added regularly. When the new electronic document filing system is in place, even more records will be available through the Internet. The Edgewood Students ask that the Commission's RIPS system⁵ be made accessible through our Internet site. However, the RIPS system will be replaced by the ECFS system under development, which will be Internet-accessible.⁶

5. Finally, we note that we did not, as the Reporters Committee's comments feared, adopt any procedures that burden requests for expedited FOIA processing. Our rules simply track the

⁴ *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GC Docket No. 97-113, FCC 97-113 (released April 7, 1997) (Electronic Filing of Documents).

⁵ The Record Image Processing System (RIPS) provides access to comments filed with the Commission in notice and comment rulemaking proceedings, as well as a variety of filings in other kinds of docketed proceedings (e.g., tariff investigations, formal hearings before Administrative Law Judges, and applications by Bell Operating Companies to provide out-of-region long distance service). See *Electronic Filing of Documents*, at ¶ 6.

⁶ The Edgewood Students's other suggestions for placement of information on the Internet have been forwarded to the Office of Public Affairs for consideration.

language of the EFOIA and are designed to process such requests speedily.

Procedural Matters

6. In the NPRM, we certified that the proposed rules "[would] not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities."⁷ No comments were received concerning this certification. The rules adopted in this Order implement the amendments to the FOIA enacted through the EFOIA. There is no reason to believe that the revised rules will impose any costs on FOIA requesters beyond those costs incurred under our former rules. Accordingly, we certify, pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that the rules adopted herein will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Secretary shall send a copy of this certification to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. A copy of this certification will also be published in the **Federal Register**.

Ordering Clauses

7. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that pursuant to sections 4(i), 303(r), and 4(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(r), and 154(j), and the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, Pub. L. 104-231, 110 Stat. 3048 (1996), part 0 of the Commission's Rules is amended as set forth below.

8. *It is further ordered* that the rules adopted herein will become effective October 3, 1997. The rules merely codify provisions of the EFOIA designed to benefit FOIA requesters or otherwise incorporate procedural rules that benefit requesters. We therefore find, for good cause, that the rules should be made effective upon publication.⁸

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 0

Organization and functions
(Government agencies).

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 0 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 0—COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. The authority citation for Part 0 continues to read as follows:

⁷ NPRM ¶ 12, *citing*, 5 U.S.C. § 605(b).
⁸ See 5 U.S.C. § 553(d)(3).

¹ Pub. L. 104-231, 110 Stat. 3048 (1996), *codified at scattered subsections of* 5 U.S.C. 552.

² *Amendment of Part 0 of the Commission's Rules to Implement the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GC Docket No. 97-143, FCC 97-198 (released June 19, 1997) (NPRM), published at 62 FR 34188 (June 25, 1997).

³ Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (Reporters Committee) and the Regulatory Affairs Committee of the Student Council of Edgewood Senior High School, Ashtabula, Ohio (Edgewood Students).

Authority: Sec. 5, 48 Stat. 1068, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 155, 225, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 0.441 is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.441 General.

Any person desiring to obtain information may do so by writing or coming in person to any of the Commission's offices. A broader range of information and more comprehensive information facilities are available at the Commission's main office in Washington, D.C., however, and inquiries of a general nature should ordinarily be submitted to that office. A wide range of information is also available from the Commission's World Wide Web site located at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

3. Section 0.443 is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.443 General information office.

The Public Service Division of the Office of Public Affairs is located at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Here, the public may obtain copies of the "Federal Communications Commission Information Seekers Guide," which is a handbook for obtaining information from the FCC. This office also maintains current and back issues of public notices of Commission actions, formal documents adopted by the Commission, and copies of fact sheets that answer general questions about the Commission. Many such recent items may also be obtained from the Commission's World Wide Web site located at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Commission documents listed in § 0.416 are published in the FCC Record, and many such documents or summaries thereof are also published in the **Federal Register**.

4. Section 0.453 introductory text is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.453 Public reference rooms.

The Commission maintains the following public reference rooms at its offices in Washington, DC, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, Maryland. Much of the information available from the public reference rooms may also be retrieved from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>:

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5. Section 0.455 introductory text is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.455 Other locations at which records may be inspected.

Except as provided in §§ 0.453, 0.457 and 0.459, records are routinely available for inspection in the offices of the Bureau or Office which exercises

responsibility over the matters to which those records pertain (see § 0.5), or will be made available for inspection at those offices upon request. Many of these records may be retrieved from the Commission's site on the World Wide Web, located at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Upon inquiry to the appropriate Bureau or Office, persons desiring to inspect such records will be directed to the specific location at which the particular records may be inspected. A list of Bureaus and Offices and examples of the records available at each is set out below:

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6. Section 0.460(a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.460 Requests for inspection of records which are routinely available for public inspection.

(a) Sections 0.453 and 0.455 list those Commission records which are routinely available for public inspection and the places at which those records may be inspected. Subject to the limitations set out in this section and to the provisions of § 0.466 and paragraph (l) of this section, a person who wants to inspect such records need only appear at the specified location and ask to see the records. Many such records also are available through the Commission's site on the World Wide Web, located at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Commission documents listed in § 0.416 are published in the FCC Record, and many such documents or summaries thereof are also published in the **Federal Register**.

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7. Section 0.461 is amended by redesignating paragraph (a) as paragraph (a)(1) and adding paragraph (a)(2), revising paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(3), paragraph (g) introductory text, paragraph (g)(3) and the concluding text of paragraph (g), redesignating paragraphs (h) and (i) as paragraphs (i) and (j) and revising them, adding new paragraph (h), and revising paragraph (k) introductory text and paragraph (k)(3) to read as follows:

§ 0.461 Requests for inspection of materials not routinely available for public inspection.

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(a) (1) * * *
(2) The person requesting records under this section may specify the form or format of the records to be produced.

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(d) (1) Requests shall be delivered or mailed to the Managing Director, sent by electronic mail to <foia@fcc.gov>, or sent by facsimile. (For purposes of this section, the custodian of the records is

the Chief of the appropriate Bureau or Office.)

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(3) An original and two copies of the request shall be submitted. If the request is submitted by electronic mail, only one copy need be submitted. If the request is for materials not open to routine public inspection under § 0.457(d) or § 0.459, one copy of the request will be mailed by the custodian of the records to the person who originally submitted the materials to the Commission.

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(g) The custodian of the records will make every effort to act on the request within 20 working days after it is received by the FOIA Control Office. If it is not possible to locate the records and to determine whether they should be made available for inspection within 20 working days, the custodian may, in any of the following circumstances, extend the time for action by up to 10 working days:

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(3) It is necessary to consult with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request, or among two or more components of the Commission having substantial subject matter interest therein.

The custodian of the records will notify the requester in writing of any extension of time exercised pursuant to paragraph (g) of this section. If it is not possible to locate the records and make the determination within the extended period, the person or persons who made the request will be provided an opportunity to limit the scope of the request so that it may be processed within the extended time limit, or an opportunity to arrange an alternative time frame for processing the request or a modified request, and asked to consent to an extension or further extension. If the requester agrees to an extension, the custodian of the records will confirm the agreement in a letter specifying the length of the agreed-upon extension. If he or she does not agree to an extension, the request will be denied, on the grounds that the custodian has not been able to locate the records and/or to make the determination within the period for a ruling mandated by the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. In that event, the custodian will continue to search for and/or assess the records and will advise the person who made the request of further developments; but that person may file an application for review by the Commission. When action is taken by

the custodian of the records, written notice of the action will be given.

(h) (1) Requesters who seek expedited processing of FOIA requests shall submit such requests, along with their FOIA requests, to the Managing Director, as described in § 0.461(d). If the request is enclosed in an envelope, the envelope shall be marked "Request for Expedited Proceeding—FOIA Request." An original and two copies of the request for expedition shall be submitted, but only one copy is necessary if submitted by electronic mail. When the request is received by the Managing Director, it, and the accompanying FOIA request, will be assigned to the FOIA Control Office, where it will be date-stamped and assigned to the custodian of records.

(2) Expedited processing shall be granted to a requester demonstrating a compelling need that is certified by the requester to be true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

(3) For purposes of this section, *compelling need* means—

(i) That failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or

(ii) With respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

(4) (i) Notice of the determination as to whether to grant expedited processing shall be provided to the requester by the custodian of records within 10 calendar days after receipt of the request by the FOIA Control Office. Once the determination has been made to grant expedited processing, the custodian shall process the FOIA request as soon as practicable.

(ii) If a request for expedited processing is denied, the person seeking expedited processing may file an application for review within five working days after the date of the written denial. The application for review and the envelope containing it (if any) shall be captioned "Review of FOIA Expedited Proceeding Request." The application for review shall be delivered or mailed to the General Counsel. (For general procedures relating to applications for review, see § 1.115 of this chapter.) The Commission shall act expeditiously on the application for review, and shall notify the custodian of records of the disposition of such an application for review.

(i) If a request for inspection of records submitted to the Commission in

confidence under § 0.457(d) or § 0.459 is granted, an application for review of the action may be filed only by the person who submitted the records to the Commission. The application for review and the envelope containing it (if any) shall be captioned "Review of Freedom of Information Action." The application for review shall be filed within 10 working days after the date of the written ruling, shall be delivered or mailed to the General Counsel, and shall be served on the person who filed the request for inspection of records. The first day to be counted in computing the time period for filing the application for review is the day after the date of the written ruling. If an application for review is not filed within this period, the records will be produced for inspection. The person who filed the request for inspection of records may respond to the application for review within 10 working days after it is filed.

(j) Except as provided in paragraph (i) of this section, an application for review of an initial action on a request for inspection may be filed only by the person who made the request. The application shall be filed within 30 days after the date of the written ruling by the custodian of records, and shall be captioned, "Review of Freedom of Information Action." The envelope (if any) shall also be so captioned. The application shall be delivered or mailed to the General Counsel and shall be served on the person (if any) who originally submitted the materials to the Commission. That person may file a response within 10 working days after the application for review is filed. If the records are made available on review, the person who submitted them to the Commission (if any) will be afforded 10 working days after the date of the written ruling to seek a judicial stay. See paragraph (i) of this section. The first day to be counted in computing the time period for filing the application for review or seeking a judicial stay is the day after the date of the written ruling. (For general procedures relating to applications for review, see § 1.115 of this chapter.)

(k) The Commission will make every effort to act on an application for review of an action on a request for inspection of records within 20 working days after it is filed. See, however, paragraph (i) of this section. If it is not possible to locate the records and to determine whether they should be made available for inspection within 20 working days, the General Counsel may, in the following circumstances and to the extent time has not been extended under paragraphs (g) (1)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, extend the time for action up to 10

working days. (The total period of extensions taken under this paragraph and under paragraph (g) of this section without the consent of the person who submitted the request shall not exceed 10 working days.):

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(3) It is necessary to consult with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the Commission having substantial subject matter interest therein.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-135; RM-9087]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Spring Valley, MN and Osage, IA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Action in this document substitutes Channel 282C3 for Channel 282A at Spring Valley, Minnesota, and modifies the license for Station KVG0(FM) to specify operation on Channel 282C3 in response to a petition filed by KVG0, Inc. See 62 FR 29090, May 29, 1997. The coordinates for Channel 282C3 are 43-38-23 and 82-38-30. To accommodate the proposal for Spring Valley, we shall substitute Channel 254A for Channel 279A at Osage, Iowa, and modify the license for Station KCZY accordingly. The coordinates for Channel 254A are 43-19-20 and 92-51-22. With this action this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 97-135, adopted September 17, 1997, and released September 26, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW.,