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to comply with all applicable FAA Rules.

§ 97.13 Restrictions on station location.

(a) Before placing an amateur station on land of environmental importance or that is significant in American history, architecture or culture, the licensee may be required to take certain actions prescribed by §§ 1.1305–1.1319 of this chapter.

(b) A station within 1600 m (1 mile) of an FCC monitoring facility must protect that facility from harmful interference. Failure to do so could result in imposition of operating restrictions upon the amateur station pursuant to § 97.121. Geographical coordinates of the facilities that require protection are listed in § 0.121(c) of this chapter.

(c) Before causing or allowing an amateur station to transmit from any place where the operation of the station could cause human exposure to RF electromagnetic field levels in excess of those allowed under § 1.1310 of this chapter, the licensee is required to take certain actions.

(1) The licensee must perform the routine RF environmental evaluation prescribed by § 1.1307(b) of this chapter, if the power of the licensee's station exceeds the limits given in the following table:

| Wavelength band | Evaluation required if power ¹ (watts) exceeds |
|-----------------------|---|
| MF | |
| 160 m | 500 |
| HF | |
| 80 m | 500 |
| 75 m | 500 |
| 40 m | 500 |
| 30 m | 425 |
| 20 m | 225 |
| 17 m | 125 |
| 15 m | 100 |
| 12 m | 75 |
| 10 m | 50 |
| VHF (all bands) | 50 |
| UHF | |
| 70 cm | 70 |
| 33 cm | 150 |
| 23 cm | 200 |
| 13 cm | 250 |
| SHF (all bands) | 250 |
| EHF (all bands) | 250 |

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| Wavelength band | Evaluation required if power ¹ (watts) exceeds |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Repeater stations (all bands) | <i>non-building-mounted antennas</i> : height above ground level to lowest point of antenna <10 m <i>and</i> power >500 W ERP <i>building-mounted antennas</i> : power >500 W ERP |

¹Power = PEP input to antenna except, for repeater stations only, power exclusion is based on ERP (effective radiated power).

(2) If the routine environmental evaluation indicates that the RF electromagnetic fields could exceed the limits contained in § 1.1310 of this chapter in accessible areas, the licensee must take action to prevent human exposure to such RF electromagnetic fields. Further information on evaluating compliance with these limits can be found in the FCC's OET Bulletin Number 65, "Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields."

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§ 97.15 Station antenna structures.

(a) Owners of certain antenna structures more than 60.96 meters (200 feet) above ground level at the site or located near or at a public use airport must notify the Federal Aviation Administration and register with the Commission as required by part 17 of this chapter.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, a station antenna structure may be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur service communications. (State and local regulation of a station antenna structure must not preclude amateur service communications. Rather, it must reasonably accommodate such communications and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the state or local authority's legitimate purpose. See PRB–1, 101 FCC 2d 952 (1985) for details.)

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