

## 5.12. EXPOSURE OF HUMANS TO RF FIELD [[§§ 1.1310 & 2.1091]

The criteria listed in the following table shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation.

### FCC 47 CFR § 1.1310:

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

| Frequency range (MHz)                                          | Electric field strength (V/m) | Magnetic field strength (A/m) | Power density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Averaging time (minutes) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures</b>        |                               |                               |                                     |                          |
| 0.3–3.0 .....                                                  | 614                           | 1.63                          | *(100)                              | 6                        |
| 3.0–30 .....                                                   | 1842/f                        | 4.89/f                        | *(900/f <sup>2</sup> )              | 6                        |
| 30–300 .....                                                   | 61.4                          | 0.163                         | 1.0                                 | 6                        |
| 300–1500 .....                                                 | .....                         | .....                         | f/300                               | 6                        |
| 1500–100,000 .....                                             | .....                         | .....                         | 5                                   | 6                        |
| <b>(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure</b> |                               |                               |                                     |                          |
| 0.3–1.34 .....                                                 | 614                           | 1.63                          | *(100)                              | 30                       |
| 1.34–30 .....                                                  | 824/f                         | 2.19/f                        | *(1800/f <sup>2</sup> )             | 30                       |
| 30–300 .....                                                   | 27.5                          | 0.073                         | 0.2                                 | 30                       |
| 300–1500 .....                                                 | .....                         | .....                         | f/1500                              | 30                       |
| 1500–100,000 .....                                             | .....                         | .....                         | 1.0                                 | 30                       |

f = frequency in MHz

\* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

NOTE 1 TO TABLE 1: Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

NOTE 2 TO TABLE 1: General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or can not exercise control over their exposure.

### 5.12.1. Method of Measurements

See RSS-102 & FCC 47 CFR §§ 1.1310, 2.1091

In order to demonstrate compliance with MPE requirements, the following information is typically needed:

- (1) Calculation that estimates the minimum separation distance (20 cm or more) between an antenna and persons required to satisfy power density limits defined for free space.
- (2) Antenna installation and device operating instructions for installers (professional/unskilled users), and the parties responsible for ensuring compliance with the RF exposure requirement
- (3) Any caution statements and/or warning labels that are necessary in order to comply with the exposure limits
- (4) Any other RF exposure related issues that may affect MPE compliance

**Calculation Method of RF Safety Distance:**

$$S = \frac{P \cdot G}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2} = \frac{EIRP}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2}$$

Where: P: power input to the antenna in mW  
EIRP: Equivalent (effective) isotropic radiated power  
S: power density mW/cm<sup>2</sup>  
G: numeric gain of antenna relative to isotropic radiator  
r: distance to centre of radiation in cm

**5.12.2. RF Evaluation**

| Frequency (MHz) | Max. Conducted Power (dBm) | Max. Antenna Gain (dBi) | EIRP (dBm) | EIRP* (mW) | Evaluation Distance, r (cm) | Power Density, S (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | MPE Limit (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 118.000         | 39.71                      | 0                       | 39.71      | 9350/2*    | 56                          | 0.1187                                 | 0.2                             |

\*50% duty cycle applied