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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU TO MAIL ITS SECOND LICENSE AUDIT LETTER AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION TO CERTAIN LICENSEES IN THE 220 - 222 MHz BAND

*Licensees Must Respond by August 7, 2003*

On July 8, 2003 the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will mail its second audit letter and notice of cancellation to certain licensees operating in the 220-222 MHz band. The audit, which includes licenses in the QT, QD, and QO radio services, was first announced on April 9, 2003 and is being performed to determine the operational status of these licenses.<sup>1</sup> It began on May 14, 2003 when audit letters were mailed to all affected licensees at their address of record in the Universal Licensing System (ULS).<sup>2</sup>

This second audit letter and notice of cancellation will be mailed to licensees that did not respond to the first audit letter. The letter will be mailed to each such licensee at its address of record in ULS. Each such licensee to whom a second audit letter and notice of cancellation is being sent must respond and certify **by August 7, 2003** that its authorized stations have not discontinued operations for one year or more. A licensee will receive only one audit letter for all of its QT, QD, and QO authorizations if the licensee has verified the address was listed correctly in ULS, obtained its FRN, and associated its call signs with the FRN by July 3, 2003. If the licensee did not ensure the address was correct in ULS, did not obtain its FRN, and did not associate its call signs with the FRN by July 3, 2003, the Bureau will attempt to include all of a licensee's call signs subject to this audit in one letter, but may issue more than one letter for an entity due to slight variations in licensee name or address in the Commission's ULS records.<sup>3</sup> If this is the case, the licensee must respond to **each** letter sent by the Commission in order to account for all of its call signs that are part of the audit.

If a licensee holds an authorization(s) in any of these radio services and does not receive an audit letter, the licensee may still be required to respond to the audit. Licensees can use the *Audit Search* at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/audits/220> to determine if a particular license is part of the audit. If the *Audit Search* shows an audit letter was mailed, the licensee is required to respond to the audit even though

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<sup>1</sup> See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces an Audit of the Operational Status of Certain 220-222 MHz Band Licenses, *Public Notice*, DA 03-1089, rel. April 9, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Begins an Audit of Licenses in Certain 220-222 MHz Band Services, *Public Notice*, DA 03-1735, rel. May 20, 2003.

<sup>3</sup> In this case, each letter will list different call signs associated with that exact licensee name and address.

the audit letter may not have been received. For instructions on how to proceed in this instance, call the Commission at 717-338-2888 or 888-CALLFCC (888-225-5322) and select option #2.

**A response to this second audit letter and notice of cancellation is mandatory.** Each licensee is required to submit its response(s), electronically, by **August 7, 2003**. Specific instructions for responding to the audit will again be included in the letter and can also be found on the above internet site. **Failure to provide a timely response may result in the Commission presuming that the station has been non-operational for more than one year, and thus the license may be presumed to have automatically cancelled. Failure to provide a timely response may also result in enforcement action, including monetary forfeiture, pursuant to Section 503(b)(1)(B) of the Communications Act and Section 1.80(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules.**<sup>4</sup>

For assistance in registering with CORES and associating your call sign with the FRN, call 717-338-2888 or 888-CALLFCC (888-225-5322) and select option 2. For additional information on the 220 MHz license audit, visit the 220 MHz audit web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/audits/220> or contact Denise Walter of the Bureau's Commercial Wireless Division at 202-418-0620 or [denise.walter@fcc.gov](mailto:denise.walter@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(b); 47 C.F.R. § 1.80(a)(2).