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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE INCORPORATION OF 2020 U.S. CENSUS POPULATION DATA INTO THE COMMISSION'S *TVSTUDY* SOFTWARE AND REQUIREMENT TO UTILIZE SUCH DATA EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024

The Media Bureau announces, pursuant to sections 73.616(d)(1) and 73.620 of the Commission's rules,¹ that **effective August 1, 2024** the Commission's *TVStudy* software will incorporate the most recent U.S. Census Bureau decennial Census block and population data (2020 Census Data). The Commission's *TVStudy* software is used to perform coverage and interference analysis of television stations according to the procedures set forth in OET Bulletin No. 69: "Longley-Rice Methodology for Evaluating TV Coverage and Interference" in connection with the preparation and processing of full power rulemaking petitions to allot channels to the Table of TV Allotments² and applications prepared by all television licensees and permittees when they seek to modify their facilities.³ Therefore all television broadcast applications **filed on or after August 1, 2024**, will be required to utilize 2020 Census Data for purposes of conducting interference analyses. Failure to do so will require amendment and may result in dismissal of applications as defective.⁴

By separate Public Notice, The Office of Engineering and Technology announces the release of updated *TVStudy* software (Version 2.3.0).⁵ The *TVStudy* Version 2.3.0 software, the *TVStudy* 2.3.0 Installation and Upgrade Guide, and the template XML file are all available on the *TVStudy* website at <http://www.fcc.gov/oet/tvstudy>. As with prior updates, a full list of changes from *TVStudy* Version 2.2.5 is included in the "Differences Between 2.3.0 and 2.2.5" section of the Change Log in the *TVStudy* 2.3.0 Installation and Upgrade Guide.

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¹ 47 CFR §§ 73.616(d)(1) (References to TV station interference protection methodology; Calculation of interference); 73.620 (Interference calculation and protection of TV broadcast services).

² 47 CFR § 73.622(j).

³ See *Amendment of Part 73 of the Commission's Rules to Update Television and Class A Television Broadcast Station Rules, and Rules Applicable to All Broadcast Stations*, MB Docket No. 22-227, Report and Order, FCC-23-72, n.60 (rel. Sept. 19, 2023).

⁴ See 47 CFR § 73.3566 (defective applications).

⁵ See *Office of Engineering and Technology Announces Release of Version 2.3.0 of TVStudy*, Public Notice, DA No. 24-499 (rel. May 28, 2024).

⁶ This action is taken by the Chief, Media Bureau, pursuant to authority delegated by sections 0.61 and 0.283 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR §§ 0.61 and 0.283.