## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



ENFORCEMENT BUREAU
Northeast Region

### **Boston Office**

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Louis Narcisse Malden, MA

#### NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-09-BS-0042 Document Number: W201032260011

The Boston Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 1580 kHz was allegedly operating in the Malden area. On November 17, 2009, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 1580 kHz were emanating from 198 Ferry Street in Malden, MA, your place of business. This Office has information that you are the operator of this station. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 1580 kHz at this location in Malden, MA.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq*. The field strength of the signal on frequency 1580 kHz was measured at 350,000 microvolts per meter ( $\mu$ V/m) at 46 meters which exceeded the maximum permitted level of 15.19  $\mu$ V/m at 30 meters established in Section 15.209 of the Rules. Thus, the station is operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization or providing services and facilities incidental to the operation of an unlicensed radio transmitter constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*see* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

# UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the

letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Dennis Loria District Director Boston Office

#### Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005