



Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of Industry Canada's radio spectrum redeployment plan for Land Mobile radiocommunication systems operating in the frequency range 100-500 MHz. The goal of this plan is to make available more radio frequencies for assignment in spectrum congested areas of Canada including those of the Pacific Region. This plan may impact on your ability to operate VHF and/or UHF Land Mobile radio equipment after January 1, 2004.

In December of 1998 all "wideband" VHF assignments in the Pacific Region and "wideband" UHF assignments in Southwestern B.C. and the Southern Vancouver Island areas became non-standard. New radio system applicants seeking exclusive use spectrum in these areas are required to submit applications employing equipment that meets the new spectrum efficiency standard of one voice channel per 15 kHz RF channel in the VHF band, and one voice channel per 12.5 kHz RF channel in the UHF band.

As you are a radio station licensee with non-standard land mobile equipment in either the VHF or UHF band (or both), this is your notification of the change in status of your radio equipment to a non-protected basis to be effective January 1, 2004. In the event that your non-protected radio equipment restricts the access of a spectrum efficient system to the radio frequency spectrum, the Department will require you to either vacate your assignment or conform to the new efficiency standard. Should this be necessary, you will be given a 90 day notice for such action prior to, or at anytime after January 1, 2004, but will not be required to change before January 1, 2004. Consideration may be given to assigning a replacement 25 or 30 kHz channel where feasible and justified.

Applications for non-standard, "wideband" systems in areas of low congestion, those seeking to share spectrum with other co-channel users, or those seeking expansion of an existing network or system employing non-spectrum efficient equipment will continue to be considered on a case by case basis with the understanding that as of January 1, 2004, single voice channel radio equipment utilizing 25 or 30 kHz channel spacing will become non-protected, and subject to possible displacement or modification. Such displacement or modification would be based on the procedure described above.

For a more detailed explanation of this program, please review the "Redeployment Plan for Spectrum Efficient Land Mobile Equipment in the Frequency Range 100-500 MHz". This document can be located and downloaded from at our web site:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01654e.html>

If you have any general questions on how the Redeployment Plan may effect you, please contact your nearest Industry Canada District Office directly, or use the toll free telephone number 1-800-667-3780.