

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: 3.45-3.55 GHz - Elimination of the Norfolk, VA, Cooperative Planning Area

References: (a) Footnote US431B to 47 Code of Federal Regulations § 2.106

(b) FCC 21-32, "Second Report and Order (R&O), Order on Reconsideration, and Order of Proposed Modification (3.45 GHz Band 2d R&O)", March 18, 2021
(c) 3450-3550 MHz Website - https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/3450-3550-mhz

The Department of Defense (DoD) recommends a modification to the coordination rules for the 3450-3550 MHz (3.45 GHz) band. Specifically, DoD recommends deleting the Norfolk, VA, Cooperative Planning Area (CPA). As the attached image demonstrates, the Newport News, VA, Cooperative Planning Area/Periodic Use Area (CPA/PUA) geographically encompasses the entire area of the Norfolk CPA. The larger Newport News CPA/PUA commands the requisite coordination to protect DoD missions operating in the band, to include episodic DoD operations. The DoD therefore deems the Norfolk CPA redundant and unnecessary. As a corollary action to this modification, DoD recommends renaming the remaining Newport News coordination area as "Newport News-Norfolk (Includes Fort Story SESEF Range)". This renaming, however, should maintain 1) the asterisk to note the location encompasses high-power Federal radiolocation facilities, 2) the polygon's original center and radial dimension, and 3) the designation as both a CPA and PUA, as currently listed in Reference (a).

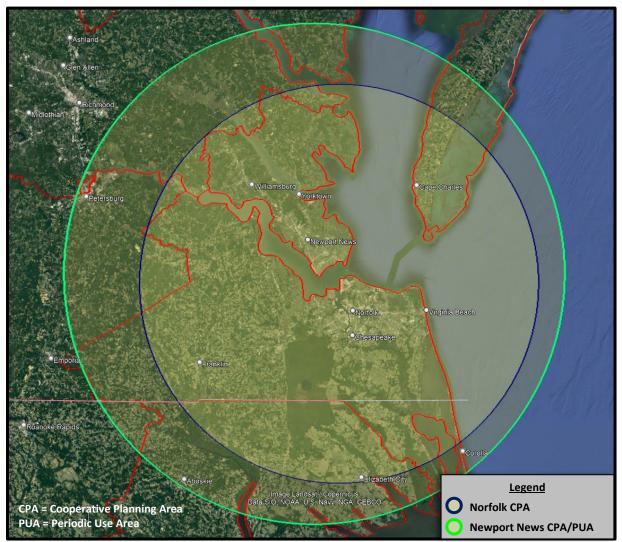
Pursuant to your approval and to Reference (b), DoD requests your coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology, to modify the regulatory guidance for the band. Once revised, DoD requests your office concurrently update Reference (c) to reflect the change in coordination requirements. This latter request also necessitates a change to the keyhole-markup-language (.kml) file for the 3.45 GHz CPAs and PUA that is hosted on the website.

The DoD appreciates your assistance and stands ready to answer any questions you or your team may have regarding this matter. Please direct questions to the DoD Chief Information Officer, Electromagnetic Spectrum Enterprise Policy and Programs directorate, 3.45 GHz Team at osd.pentagon.dod-cio.mbx.emsepp---3450-3550-mhz@mail.mil.

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Attachment: As stated

Attachment Visualization of the 3.45 GHz Coordination Areas Newport News, VA, CPA/PUA and the Norfolk, VA, CPA



The Newport News CPA/PUA entirely encompasses the area of the Norfolk CPA. The geographic redundancy and the dual CPA/PUA nature of the larger coordination area eliminates a need for the smaller coordination area. Footnote US431B to 47 CFR § 2.106 defines the center locations and dimensions for the two coordination areas (circles).