

US Federal Communications Commission

Report on EMF Activities

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The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in June 2003 to make certain procedural changes in its rules for implementing exposure guidelines for RF electromagnetic fields. The rule making proceeding (ET Docket 03-137) did not propose making changes in the exposure limits themselves, but was aimed at helping ensure that procedures for compliance evaluation were more consistent and technically supportable. Several proposals were made relating to both fixed antenna systems and mobile and portable devices, including proposals to establish power thresholds below which routine exposure evaluation would not be required. Public comment was received on these proposals until January 2004. The FCC is now reviewing the comments received in this proceeding and a final decision document is expected to be released later this year.

For further information, consult the FCC's RF Safety Web site: <http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety>, or contact Dr. Robert Cleveland at: robert.cleveland@fcc.gov."