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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR
INFORMATION WARFARE
DIRECTOR, COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS
AND COMPUTERS (C4)

SUBJECT: Full Operational Capability Certification of Spectrum-Dependent Systems

References: (a) OMB Circular A-11 Section 31, 12 Jul 17
(b) 47 CFR 300.1, "Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal
Radio Frequency Management," May 2013
(c) SECNAVINST 2400.1A

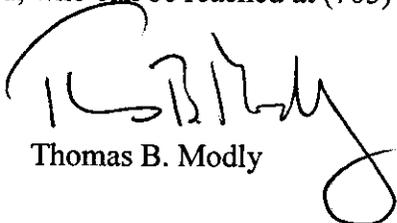
This memorandum establishes Department of the Navy (DON) policy to request and record the full operational capabilities of Spectrum-Dependent Systems (SDS) during the spectrum certification process.

The Office of Management and Budget requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to certify that required radio frequencies can be made available per reference (a). Traditionally, because NTIA approves requests for SDS performance characteristics that can be used within the United States and its Possessions (US&P) per reference (b), the DON has limited its requests to parameters used within the US&P. Consequently, many additional system capabilities have not been included in the certification request process and have not been documented appropriately at the national level or in SDS certification databases.

Among other issues, this has resulted in an inadequate and inaccurate representation of the full capabilities of DON SDS. To address such deficiencies, DON SDS certifications shall be reviewed in accordance with reference (c), and updated as necessary to reflect each system's full operational capabilities. Future requests for SDS certification shall include full operational capability characteristics.

To comply with this policy, spectrum-dependent capability owners must ensure that the full range of spectrum technical parameters is cited on the spectrum certification paperwork (e.g., DD Form 1494 or Equipment Location - Certification Information Database). This guidance, which is effective immediately, will be incorporated in any future release of reference (c) and other applicable issuances. For additional guidance, contact the Navy Marine Corps Spectrum Center at navyspectrum.fct@navy.mil.

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