



Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association

Frequency Coordination & Spectrum Management for Southern California

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Email your request to Interference@tasma.org

Guide Lines for Complaints of Interference from Two Meter Repeaters

A. Receipts of complaint.

1. All complaints must be of harmful interference as defined in FCC part 97 as follows: 97.3(a-23) Interference which endangers the functioning of a radio navigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radio communication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations.
2. The following will **“not”** be accepted as interference:
 - a. The ability to hear another repeater when your repeater is not transmitting
 - b. Spurious emissions of another station which do not prevent the uninterrupted use of your repeater and effective communications thereof.
 - c. Atmospheric or weather anomalies
3. All complaints must be submitted in writing (hard copy) to TASMA.
4. All complaints must contain the following:
 - a. Nature of the interference. (i.e. intermod, adjacent channel over deviation, etc.)
 - b. Occurrence frequency of the interference.
 - c. Location(s) of the interference. (please list multiple locations for future verification)
 - d. Steps which have been taken to resolve the interference. (i.e. contacting the trustee)
 - e. Copies of all related documents, including coordination documentation.
 - f. What you believe to be the cause of the interference.
 - g. What you believe can be done to resolve the interference for both sides.
5. Complainant must be the repeater trustee, technician or alternate contact, or the station being interfered with in the event that the interference is being caused by a coordinated repeater to a non-repeater station.

B. Distribution of Complaint.

1. All of the information submitted from the complainant will be dispersed to the Technical Committee for its review prior to the Technical Committee meeting in which the complaint will be reviewed.

C. Verification of the Complaint.

1. The Technical Committee Chairman will be responsible for coordinating and delegating the efforts of the Technical Committee Members in their initial review of any potential interference complaints. This initial assessment should be completed prior to the next Technical Committee meeting or 30 days whichever is greater.

D. Initial Review and Findings of the Technical Committee.

1. The Technical Committee will review the information submitted and gathered by its members.
2. The Technical Committee will use this information determine, at this point, whether to take further action or return a non-interference finding to the complainant.
3. If it is determined by the committee, that the interference complaint is unfounded, a notice will be sent to the both parties with all of the findings of the committee.
4. If the Technical Committee finds that the interference is being caused by an emitter other than a TASMA-coordinated repeater, the Committee will forward the complaint to the ARRL Official Observer responsible for the region in which the interference was observed to be emanating.
5. A finding of non-interference by the interference committee shall be final unless new information is submitted that was not previously reviewed by the committee.

E. Actions.

1. The findings of the Technical Committee shall be sent to the complainant and the interfering coordinee.
2. A request will be sent to the interfering coordinee to supply the Technical Committee an explanation as to the cause of the interference and any steps that have been taken to resolving the interference.
3. The interfering coordinee will be allowed 60 days to respond. If the interfering coordinee requests an extension of time to inspect his or her operation and review the reports and finding, he or she may be allowed an additional 60 days as warranted.
4. If the interfering coordinee does not respond within the 60 days, the Committee will send a follow-up final notice via certified mail. If the interfering coordinee does not respond to this notice after 30 days, the Technical Committee will unilaterally modify the coordination of the interfering repeater in such a manner as to mandate a solution to the interference problem. Such modification may include termination of the interfering repeater's coordination.

F. Resolution of the Interference.

1. In the event the interfering station is willing to correct the problems which may exist, he or she shall be given whatever assistance, which can be provided by TASMA.
2. The interfering station will be allotted a reasonable amount of time, as agreed upon by the Technical Committee and the interfering station, to make whatever corrections he or she feels are necessary.
3. In the event the interfering station cannot correct his or her operation within the amount of time agreed upon, he or she shall be required to request an extension and supply an explanation as to the reasons why corrections have not been made.
4. The Technical Committee shall determine if the extension is warranted and grant an extension of time as necessary.
5. If the interfering station is able to return to his or her authorized coordination, the interference is resolved and verified by the Technical Committee, then the matter will be considered closed and the stations involved will be duly notified.
6. If it is found that the interfering station has returned to his or her coordinated operation and the interference continues, the Technical Committee will review the situation and possibly modify any or all repeater coordinations as necessary to resolve the interference.

G. Appealing Decisions of the TASMA Technical Committee.

1. All Technical Committee decisions are final and cannot be appealed to the Committee.
2. All appeals of Technical Committee decisions must be made to the TASMA Board of Directors in writing. This document should highlight the points for the appeal, and contain all supporting documentation.
3. All appeals must be made no later than 90 days after the Committee's action or decision.
4. A decision of a TASMA Committee can only be overturned by a majority vote of the TASMA Board of Directors, with the TASMA Chairman only voting in the event of a tie as required by the TASMA Bylaws.
5. The decision of the TASMA Board of Directors on an appeal shall be final.



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Interference Report Statement

Please follow the attached guidelines for filing complaints of interference from Two Meter Repeaters.

Date: _____

Call sign of repeater causing interference: _____ Frequency: _____

Complainant: _____ Call Sign _____

- A) Please explain and describe the interference being reported:

- B) When did it start, and how often does the interference occur (Hourly, Daily, Weekly)?

- C) Please list some locations and times in your coverage area where a TASMA representative could verify the conditions described in the report:

- D) What steps have you taken to resolve the interference problem to date with the interfering party?

- E) Do you have any documentation from the interfering station(s) you wish reviewed? If 'yes' please list and attach the information.

F) What do you believe is causing the interference?

G) What do you believe can be done by one or both stations involved to alleviate the interference?

I hereby certify that the above information is personally known by me to be true and correct.

Signed,

Date _____ Call Sign _____