

RABC Quarterly Meeting

Broadcasting Committee Report

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Committee Activity

- The BC Committee met on May 21 and October 1 in 2015.
- Completed recommendations for all Broadcast Procedures and Rules to align with SAM-CSI
 - BPR's 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10
 - Revisions published Feb. 2016

Other Matters

- Decision on Repurposing the 600 MHz Band (August 14, 2015).
 - The Department has initiated a 600 MHz Working Group to discuss the specifics of the Decision and next steps.
- Terrestrial Digital Sound Broadcasting;
 - Broadcasters have requested provisional rules for experimental authorization of HD Radio.
 - BC-21, August 2008 is obsolete.

Future Activities

- Discussion may be useful to review recent activities in the US and to identify where harmonization may be beneficial to Canadian broadcasters.
 - The CTA and NAB have filed a petition with the FCC to request voluntary use of the ATSC 3.0 television standard.
 - The FCC has proposed a number of changes to address the Revitalization of AM Broadcasting.