
Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the May 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

Technician operators in Arizona and New Mexico received advisories concerning 15-meter FT8 operation; Technicians are authorized to operate only CW on that band.

An advisory was issued to a Technician-class operator in Kansas concerning FT8 operation on 40 meters; Technicians have only CW privileges on that band.

A Technician-class operator in Nebraska was issued an advisory for operating on 20-meter FT8, a band on which Technicians have no privileges.

Advisory notices concerning improper wide signals were issued to stations in Washington, North Carolina, and Texas. Section 97.307(a) of the Commission's rules states, "No amateur station transmission shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good amateur practice."

A commendation was issued to an operator in Illinois for his work with the local emergency manage-

ment agency on the W9ANL repeater on 146.970 MHz, assisting in efforts to restore damaged power lines and remove downed trees.

Two operators in New Hampshire received commendations for building a system of 2-meter and 70-centimeter nodes across mountainous terrain in New Hampshire. Before their installation, all communications had to be relayed.

A station in Illinois was issued an advisory for retransmitting communications from a repeater to 146.520 MHz without identification.

An operator in Virginia was issued an advisory notice for transmissions on 3.933 MHz after being asked to cease interference on top of existing communications and continuing the interference with unsolicited comments.

There was one FCC meeting.

The totals for April 2025 monitoring were 1,550 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,953 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,503 hours.

— *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*