



# COALITION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Fighting to Protect Local Control of Emergency Communications

## **NOTICE TO 4.9 GHz INCUMBENT LICENSE HOLDERS**

### **Action Required: Protect Your Licenses**

Attention all incumbent license holders within the 4.9 GHz spectrum band: action is required to maintain licensed rights for your existing operations in light of a new ruling from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

On December 9, 2024, the FCC issued a public notice describing how it plans to narrow public safety operators' 4.9 GHz geographic-area licenses into coverage area-only licenses in order to find spectrum for the FirstNet/AT&T overlay license. This ruling requires immediate attention and compliance to prevent the automatic cancellation of your licenses.

### **Key Deadlines and Required Actions:**

- **Deadline:** Incumbent licensees must submit granular data on their current use of the 4.9 GHz band no later than June 9, 2025.
- **Required Action:** Evaluate your authorized 4.9 GHz operations, identify active operations, and file detailed information with the FCC.
- **Radio Service Codes:** Submit data as required in the public notice under one of the following acceptable codes:
  - PB (public safety licensees for base/mobile, mobile-only, or temporary fixed operations)
  - PF (public safety licensees operating fixed links)

Once this information is filed, you will be issued new licenses with either the PB or PF radio service codes. **You must then cancel your current geographic-area licenses (PA radio service code).**

### **Important Consequences of Non-Compliance:**

If incumbent licensees fail to transition to the PB or PF licenses and cancel their PA licenses by the June 9, 2025, deadline, the FCC will automatically cancel any remaining PA licenses after this date without requiring further action.

### **Contact Information for FCC Assistance:**

For questions or further clarification, the FCC has provided the following points of contact:

- **Brian Marenco:** [Brian.Marenco@fcc.gov](mailto:Brian.Marenco@fcc.gov), (202) 418-0838
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*The Coalition for Emergency Response and Critical Infrastructure (CERCI) strongly urges license holders to comply with the notice to protect their existing operations.*

CERCI also encourages license holders to [complete our survey](#) to support ongoing efforts to protect public safety uses of the band. Your input is vital in shaping our advocacy and ensuring the continued prioritization of public safety communications.