



Regional Planning

Next Steps

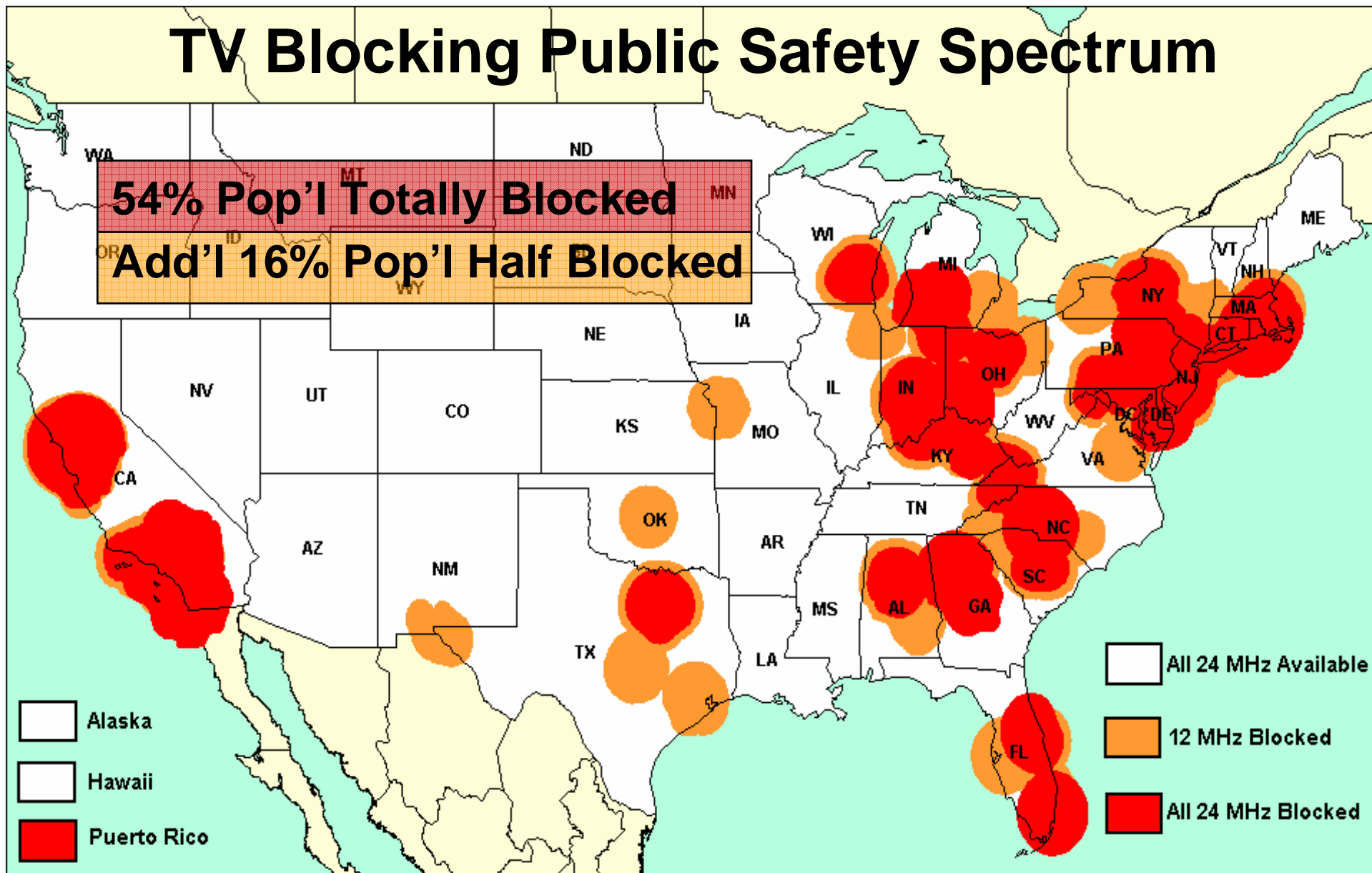
Topics Covered

- Re-energizing the RPC
 - Notification
- Writing the Plan
- What has to be included?
 - 90.527
- What does the RPC want to include?
 - How will the RPC handle applications?
 - Will the Plan cover wideband?
- Filing the Plan with the FCC

700 MHz Clearing Status

- President Bush signed the date certain DTV transition legislation on Feb 8, 2006; Part of S.1932, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- Law provides for:
 - Firm TV clearing date of 02/17/09
 - Up to \$1B for interoperable communications equipment for public safety

TV Blocking Public Safety Spectrum



700 MHz Plan Status

- Nine Plans are approved
 - S. CA, MO, ID, New England, MN, TN & WA, UT, AZ
 - These can be used as templates
- Three are pending:
 - Region 40 (Dallas area) has been placed on Public Notice
 - MI and AL have not been placed on PN yet

Next Steps

- Re-energizing the Committee
- Notification
 - All disciplines
 - Federal Agencies
 - Tribal Nations
- Keep records
 - NCC Appendix U provides a template

At Next Full Meeting

- **Sign up Sheet**
 - Name, agency, contact info (mailing address, phone #)
- **Establish subcommittees/working groups and assign chairpersons and tasks**
 - Review required elements of the Regional Plan and assign to subcommittees (90.527 and NCC Guidelines document)
 - Bylaws
 - Technical
 - Implementation/Outreach
 - Interoperability
 - Writing
- **Set dates for RPC meetings through 2007**
 - Subcommittees could meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly either in person or conference calls
 - Full meetings might be monthly or bi-monthly
 - Hold meetings in different parts of the state to encourage maximum participation if this makes sense

What Has to be in the Plan

➤ 90.527

- Name, address, contact information of Chair
- List of RPC Officers
- Statement that 60 days notice was given prior to the 1st meeting
- Summary of the major elements of the Plan
 - Description of how input was solicited from all RPC members and how those
- Description of the Region

What has to be in the Plan

- Description of the types of agencies that are included in the Region
- Technical procedures for requesting channels
- How the Region will decide between competing applications
- What role the RPC will play in administering the I/O channels

What does the RPC want in the Plan?

- Will the Plan address allocation of wideband/broadband channels?
- How will applications be handled?
 - Filing windows?
 - First come/first served?
- Service area?
 - Jurisdiction plus 3 miles; jurisdiction plus 5 miles, etc?

Once Draft is Complete

- Circulate final draft to members
 - Via list serve
 - Post on website
 - Post on CAPRAD
- Call a full meeting to discuss/vote on the Plan
- Document any discussion of the Plan
- Vote to accept draft as Region 15's 700 MHz Regional Plan

After Plan is Approved by Region

- Must be sent to adjacent Regions for concurrence
 - Via CAPRAD
 - Via mail/email
- NCC templates available on CAPRAD website
 - Draft cover letter
 - Draft concurrence letter

Inter-Regional Dispute Resolution

- Each Plan must include a signed Inter-Regional Dispute Resolution Agreement from each adjacent Region
- Draft NCC IRDRA available on CAPRAD database

Filing the Plan with the FCC

- Use NCC's Appendix R as a final checklist
- May use FCC's website electronic filing (ECFS) or an original and four copies may be filed with the Office of the Secretary
- Email an electronic version to Jeannie Benfaida (jeannie.benfaida@fcc.gov)
- Plan will be posted on the FCC's website under Docket 02-378

FCC Has Stressed

- **Documentation of 60 day notice for the first meeting**
 - Demonstrate how provided notice to all disciplines, tribal governments
 - FCC Public Notice should not be considered primary method
- **Adjacent Region Concurrence**
- **Dispute resolution**
 - Primarily between Regions, but also within the Region
- **First 2-5 pages should orient the reader and the public to what's in the Plan**
- **Include:**
 - Bylaws
 - Membership list including contact information and voting status

FCC Process

- Plan Approval: Generally within 4-6 months from date of filing.
- Will review submitted Plans for completeness and contact Chair for additional info
- If complete, Plan will be placed on Public Notice
 - 30 days for comments; 15 days for Replies
- Absent a protest, Plan will be approved after the Comment period ends