

FCC Licensing Workshop For ALERT Users

Why FCC Licenses?

- Budget Issues
 - NWS currently holds hundreds of ALERT system licenses
 - NOAA is assessed \$100/license per year in administrative costs
 - NOAA has no budget to sustain long term licensing
 - FCC does not charge licensing fees to non-profits and local governments
- Compliance Issues
 - The licensee is responsible for proper station operation
 - NOAA has no operational responsibility or budget for ALERT system compliance
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- Benefits of FCC Filing to ALERT Users.
 - **Accessibility**—Applications can be filed and licenses searched online
 - **Speed**—filings occur immediately, no lost applications or delays
 - **License term** —Ten year license term, with automatic renewal notices.

Who Owns the Spectrum?

- Public domain
- Treaties and laws grant usage rights.
- US Authorizing agencies are:



The **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)** for **government** frequencies



The **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** for **non-government** frequencies

