

Source of flooding and location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)	Source of flooding and location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)
<i>Looney Creek:</i> Confluence with Levisa Fork ... Approximately 0.6 mile up- stream of Route 656 bridge	* 1,002 * 1,146	Confluence with Levisa Fork ... Approximately 0.64 mile up- stream of Route 1002 bridge	* 1,053 * 1,112
<i>PawPaw Creek:</i> At confluence with Knox Creek Approximately 200 feet up- stream of confluence of Rockhouse Fork	* 928 * 1,071	Maps available for inspection at Grundy Town Hall, 127 Main Street, Grundy, Virginia.	
<i>Race Fork:</i> Confluence with Knox Creek .. Approximately 0.6 mile up- stream of driveway bridge to Race Fork Coal Corporation	* 951 * 1,019	(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance") Dated: April 2, 1997. Richard W. Krimm, <i>Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate.</i>	
<i>Right Fork to Garden Creek:</i> Confluence with Garden Creek Approximately 1,500 feet up- stream of Mine Access Road	* 1,399 * 1,552	[FR Doc. 97-9210 Filed 4-9-97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6718-04-P	
<i>Right Fork to Knox Creek:</i> Confluence with Knox Creek .. Approximately 1.09 miles up- stream of State Route 643 ..	* 1,078 * 1,230	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 47 CFR Parts 0 and 97 [WT Docket No. 95-57; FCC 97-99] Amateur Service Rules AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission. ACTION: Final rule.	
<i>Rockhouse Fork:</i> Confluence with PawPaw Creek	* 1,069	SUMMARY: This action amends the amateur service rules to improve eligibility standards for a club station license, recognizes the role of volunteer examiner (VE) teams and session managers, establishes a special event call sign system, and authorizes a self- assigned indicator in the station identification announcement. The Commission declined to allow examination credit for licenses formerly held. The amendments are necessary in order to serve the amateur service licensees more effectively. The effect of this action is to improve license processing, increase operational flexibility, and minimize regulation. EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 1997. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maurice J. DePont, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418- 0690. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's <i>Report and Order</i> adopted March 20, 1997, and released April 1, 1997. The complete text of this Commission action, including the amended rules, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 230), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The	
Approximately 270 feet up- stream of State Route 643 bridge	* 1,072		
<i>Russell Prater Creek and War Creek:</i> Approximately 0.66 mile down- stream of State Route 606 bridge (Dickenson/Buchanan County line)	* 1,417		
Approximately 1.49 mile up- stream of confluence with Russell Prater Creek	* 1,542		
<i>Rocklick Creek:</i> Confluence with Levisa Fork ... Approximately 2,500 feet up- stream of State Route 691 bridge	* 904 * 1,001		
<i>Slate Creek:</i> Approximately 0.64 mile up- stream of Route 1002	* 1,112		
Approximately 1,550 feet up- stream of State Route 640 bridge	* 1,538		
Maps available for inspection at the Buchanan County Courthouse, Main Street, Grundy, Virginia.			
Grundy (Town), Buchanan County (FEMA Docket No. 7199)			
<i>Levisa Fork:</i> Approximately 1.9 feet down- stream of confluence of Slate Creek	* 1,028		
Approximately 0.61 mile down- stream of State Route 617 ..	* 1,075		
<i>Watkins Branch:</i> Confluence with Levisa Fork ... Approximately 1,890 feet up- stream of State Route 661 bridge	* 1,071 * 1,182		
<i>Slate Creek:</i>			

complete text of this *Report and Order* may also be ordered from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, telephone (202) 857-3800.

Summary of Report and Order

1. The amended rules respond to petitions filed by the American Radio Relay League, Inc., and the National Conference of Volunteer-Examiner Coordinators. The amended rules also reflect action on proposals made by the Commission on its own motion.

2. The amended rules increase the eligibility requirement for an amateur service club station license to four persons in order to improve the effectiveness of the amateur service licensing process.

3. The amended rules permit a VE team to select a VE session manager to organize activities at an examination session and to conduct liaison functions with the coordinating VEC.

4. In order to provide greater operational flexibility for amateur radio operators, the amended rules allow the station identification to include a self-assigned indicator before, after, or both before and after, the assigned call sign.

5. Finally, the amended rules authorize the licensee of an amateur station operating in conjunction with a self-determined special event to substitute for its assigned call sign a self-selected call sign from the block of one-by-one call signs.

6. In view of the opposition expressed in the comments, the Commission declined to give examination credit for licenses formerly held.

7. The amended rules are set forth below.

8. Pursuant to Section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) the Commission certifies that the amended rules will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the amateur stations that are the subject of this proceeding are not authorized to transmit communications for a pecuniary interest.

9. Authority for this action is contained in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r).

10. A copy of the RFA certification will be provided to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 0

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

47 CFR Part 97

Radio, Volunteers.

Federal Communications Commission

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

Rule Changes

Parts 0 and 97 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows:

PART 0—COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. The authority citation for Part 0 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 5, 48 Stat. 1068, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 155, 225, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 0.131 is amended by adding new paragraph (p) to read as follows:

§ 0.131 Functions of the Bureau.

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(p) Certifies, in the name of the Commission, volunteer entities to coordinate, maintain and disseminate a common data base of amateur station special event call signs, and issues Public Notices detailing the procedures of amateur service call sign systems.

PART 97—AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

1. The authority citation for Part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303. Interpret or apply 48 Stat. 1064-1068, 1081-1105, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151-155, 301-609, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 97.3(a)(11)(iii) is added to read as follows:

§ 97.3 Definitions.

(a) * * *

(11) * * *

(iii) Special event call sign system.

The call sign is selected by the station licensee from a list of call signs shown on a common data base coordinated, maintained and disseminated by the amateur station special event call sign data base coordinators. The call sign must have the single letter prefix K, N or W, followed by a single numeral 0 through 9, followed by a single letter A through W or Y or Z (for example K1A). The special event call sign is substituted for the call sign shown on the station license grant while the station is transmitting. The FCC will issue public announcements detailing the procedures of the special event call sign system.

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3. Section 97.5(b)(2) is revised to read as follows:

§ 97.5 Station license required.

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(b) * * *

(2) A club station license. A club station license is granted only to the person who is the license trustee designated by an officer of the club. The trustee must be a person who has been granted an Amateur Extra, Advanced, General, Technician Plus, or Technician operator license. The club must be composed of at least four persons and must have a name, a document of organization, management, and a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with this part. The club station license document is printed on FCC Form 660.

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4. Section 97.119 is amended by revising paragraph (c), redesignating paragraphs (d) through (f) as paragraphs (e) through (g), and adding new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 97.119 Station identification.

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(c) One or more indicators may be included with the call sign. Each indicator must be separated from the call sign by the slant mark (/) or by any suitable word that denotes the slant mark. If an indicator is self-assigned, it must be included before, after, or both before and after, the call sign. No self-assigned indicator may conflict with any other indicator specified by the FCC Rules or with any prefix assigned to another country.

(d) When transmitting in conjunction with an event of special significance, a station may substitute for its assigned call sign a special event call sign as shown for that station for that period of time on the common data base coordinated, maintained and disseminated by the special event call sign data base coordinators. Additionally, the station must transmit its assigned call sign at least once per hour during such transmissions.

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5. Section 97.509 (a) and (i) are revised to read as follows:

§ 97.509 Administering VE requirements.

(a) Each examination element for an amateur operator license must be administered by a team of at least 3 VEs at an examination session coordinated by a VEC. Before the session, the administering VEs or the VE session manager must ensure that public announcement is made stating the location and time of the session. The number of examinees at the session may be limited.

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(i) When the examinee is credited for all examination elements required for the operator license sought, 3 VEs must certify on the examinee's application document that the applicant is qualified for the license and that they have complied with these administering VE requirements. The certifying VEs are jointly and individually accountable for the proper administration of each examination element reported on the examinee's application FCC Form 610. The certifying VEs may delegate to other qualified VEs their authority, but not their accountability, to administer individual elements of an examination.

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6. New Section 97.513 is added to read as follows:

§ 97.513 VE session manager requirements.

(a) A VE session manager may be selected by the VE team for each examination session. The VE session manager must be accredited as a VE by the same VEC that coordinates the examination session. The VE session manager may serve concurrently as an administering VE.

(b) The VE session manager may carry on liaison between the VE team and the coordinating VEC.

(c) The VE session manager may organize activities at an examination session.

7. Section 97.519(b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 97.519 Coordinating examination sessions.

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(b) At the completion of each examination session, the coordinating VEC must collect the FCC Form 610 documents and test results from the administering VEs. Within 10 days of collecting the FCC Form 610 documents, the coordinating VEC must:

- (1) Screen each FCC Form 610 document; (2) Resolve all discrepancies appearing on the FCC Form 610 documents and verify that the VEs' certifications are properly completed; and

(3) For qualified examinees, forward electronically the data contained on the FCC Form 610 documents, or forward the FCC Form 610 documents to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245. When the data is forwarded electronically, the coordinating VEC must retain the FCC Form 610 documents for at least 15 months and make them available to the FCC upon request.

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