

MCF Operational Bulletin March 2009 Edition

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This Operational Bulletin specifically focuses on some of the tools available to you through the MCF. It introduces some new resources, such as the recently launched MCF website and acts as a reminder of the many other tools that are available to industry users.

MCF Website

The MCF has recently launched a new look website, designed to provide easy access to information for industry, government and community users. It provides information about industry activities, the MCF and links to up to date sources of information about health and safety issues.

If you use Microsoft Office Outlook 2007 you can subscribe to updates from the latest news section of the new MCF website via RSS feeds. Simply click on the blue RSS icon in the top right corner of the MCF homepage and this will automatically subscribe you to the MCF RSS Feed. Latest news posted to the MCF website will then appear in your RSS folder in Outlook. <http://www.mcf.amta.org.au/>

The website was launched in February and the MCF welcomes your feedback.

MCF Fact Sheets

The MCF regularly reviews its communications tools and updates and creates new fact sheets as required.

They include:

- Regulatory Requirements
- Exclusion Zones
- About the MCF
- ACIF Code
- In-Building Coverage
- Working Safely Around Radio Frequency Transmitters –series
- RF Safety Compliance Program Explained
- Antennas on Rooftops
- How the Mobile Phone Network Operates
- Radio Communications Site Management Book
- Reading the Revised ARPANSA EME Report
- Understanding the Revised ARPANSA EME Report
- Base Stations & Health

These fact sheets are designed to be used by carriers and consultants to explain some of the complex issues the industry faces. We encourage you to use these fact sheets and to provide any feedback or requirements for new fact sheets to Helen.greenwood@amta.org.au

Other Resources

Other resources include a standard power point presentation created by the MCF for presentation to local government. If carriers or Regional MCF groups are considering providing a presentation to local government authorities, the MCF has some power point slides available for use.

EMF Explained Series

www.emfexplained.info

The EMF Explained Series has been developed by the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (www.amta.org.au) in conjunction with the GSM Association (www.gsmworld.com/health) and Mobile Manufacturers Forum (www.mmfa.org). The EMF Explained Series is an information resource for people interested in a better understanding of radio frequency electromagnetic fields (EMF) and wireless issues.

EMF Explained is regularly updated and should be one of your first sources of information on any health and safety queries. Click on the "What's new" section each time you visit for information on current issues.

There are some great downloads for presentations and handouts. Topics covered include:

What is EMF?

Wireless Technology and Health

EMF Research

EMF Standards

Mobile Myths

EME: links to independent sources of information

Useful links include:

ARPANSA <http://www.arpansa.gov.au>

ACRBR <http://www.acrbr.org.au/>

ACMA

http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_2052

WHO <http://www.who.int/peh-emf/en/>

GSM Association

<http://www.gsmworld.com/health/index.shtml>

IARC <http://www.iarc.fr/>

ICNIRP <http://www.icnirp.de/>

Useful links to Current issues:

EME and cancer

- EMF Explained - EMF and cancer – www.emfexplained.info/?ID=25190
- World Cancer Report 2008 – www.iarc.fr/en/Publications/PDF's-online/World-Cancer-Report/World-Cancer-Report-2008 (International Agency for Research in to Cancer)

Mobile phones and children:

- ARPANSA Fact Sheet – Mobile phones and children www.arpansa.gov.au/pubs/eme/fact11.pdf
- EMF Explained - EMF and children www.emfexplained.info/?ID=24899

Have we missed something?

The MCF welcomes suggestions on any additional tools or information that you may identify as being useful to industry members.

This includes feedback relating to the newly launched MCF Website <http://www.mcf.amta.org.au/>

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