

ASRI GSARS/Frequency Congestion

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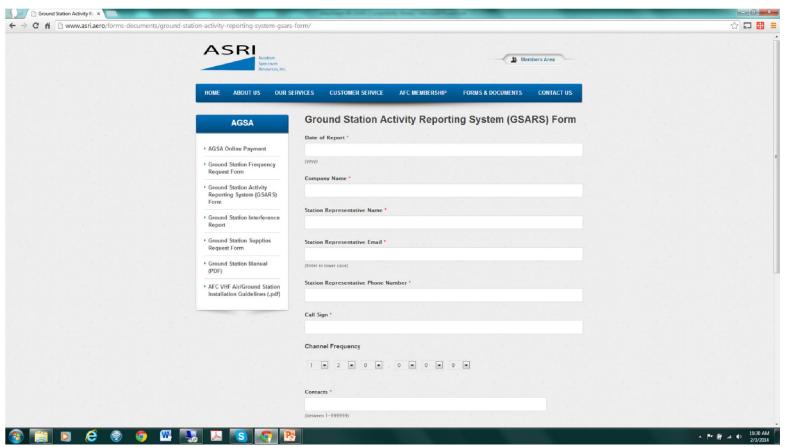


ASRI RF Interference Report

- AFC policy to submit annual reports noting the number of station contacts annually
 - Reports allow ASRI, as licensee of ground station, to gauge activity of the ground station
 - Both GSARS and Ground Station Inspections ensure that the user is in compliance with FCC rules and regulations
 - GSARS Reports also assist ASRI Frequency Management with spectrum allocation decisions



ASRI Annual GSARS Reporting via the ASRI website



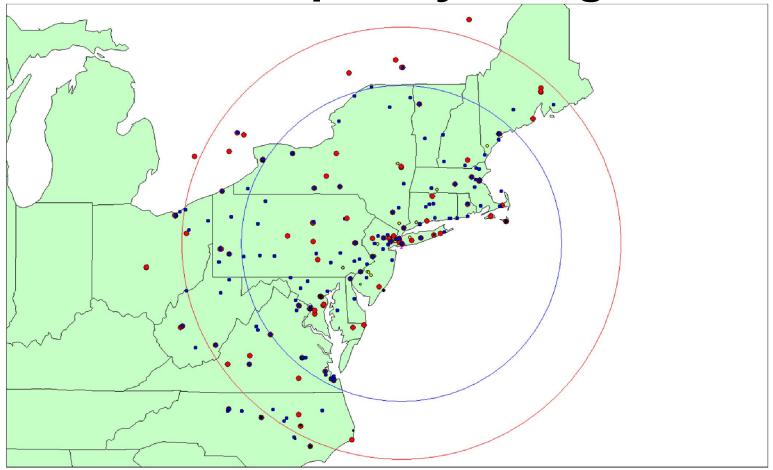


GSARS Reporting

- Currently about 10% of ground stations comply with the ASRI GSARS requirement
- Congestion in Northeastern Region has created the need to know which frequencies are active
- GSARS reporting could assist ASRI with finding the best available frequency assignment.



Northeast Frequency Assignments





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- Co-channel frequency separation has been significantly reduced
- Additional voice users from the upper 136 band may put additional demand on lower band spectrum
- 1 in 4 frequencies not available due to Canadian use.



FREQUENCY JUSTIFICATION

- Airline consolidation means has created some airlines to have multiple frequency assignments at the same airport
- As per the AFC manual, when merger occurs ASRI will request frequency justification
 - Based upon AFC busiest 15 minute blocks



Questions