

Health & Environmental Advocates Ask Congress to Request the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to Update Its Obsolete Cell Tower Safety Regulations

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)—July 26, 2011. Citizen-activists are being urged by [Citizens for Health](#), the [American Academy of Environmental Medicine](#) and the EMF advocacy group, [ElectromagneticHealth.org](#), to contact their representatives in Congress to request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to update its obsolete cell tower safety regulations.

The FCC's cell tower safety regulations need to be revised immediately because:

- 1. WHO'S International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified RF Radiation as a "Possible Carcinogen"**
- 2. Current Regulations Have Long Overlooked the Harm from RF Radiation's "Non-Thermal" Biological Effects**
- 3. Biological and Health Effects from RF Radiation Are Widely Occurring In Both Adults and Children**
- 4. Evidence for RF Damage to the Ecosystem is Mounting**

To protect the public from risks from radiofrequency radiation (RF) the FCC must establish new safety guidelines for cell towers, Wi-Fi and cell phones that reflect the current science showing harm to human health, wildlife and nature.

David Carpenter, MD, Director of the Institute for Health and Environment, and former Dean, School of Public Health, State University of New York, Albany, states,

"Beyond the strong evidence for an association between wireless radiation with cancer, there is increasing evidence for effects on the brain and behavior—effects on memory ability, on IQ, on learning ability. This is an urgent public health issue and citizens must insist government respond to the present evidence in an expedited manner to protect the public health."



Whitney North Seymour, Jr., Esq., former New York State Senator, former U.S. Attorney and a co-founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council, says, *"In 1996, Congress directed the FCC to adopt safety regulations for cell transmission antennas. These FCC standards were based on earlier studies created almost twenty years ago using even older data. They are obsolete. The substantive evidence of harm from wireless radiation is overwhelming. It is imperative Members of Congress request the FCC update the obsolete cell tower safety guidelines to reflect the current science."*

Robin Bernhoft, MD, President of the [American Academy of Environmental Medicine](#), says, *"People who live near cell towers and antennas are in jeopardy. The science is increasingly clear that there are biological effects from both acute and chronic exposures to non-thermal microwave radiation. It is essential we have a government that puts the public's health above commercial interests."*

The appeal to citizens to become engaged with this issue references the **Seletun Scientific Statement** (<http://electromagnetichealth.org/electromagnetic-health-blog/the-seletun-statement/>) issued by international scientists in February 2011, which stated that given the existing potential for global health risks from ongoing radiation from electromagnetic fields, governments should educate and warn the public, implement measures balanced in favor of the Precautionary Principle, monitor compliance with directives promoting alternatives to wireless, and fund research and policy development geared toward prevention of exposures and development of new public safety measures, as well as new, safer communications technologies. ([Watch Video](#))

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Camilla Rees, MBA of ElectromagneticHealth.org says,

“We encourage all citizens to write Congress about the widespread, unchecked, non-stop proliferation of radiofrequency radiation in our midst and the inaction of the FCC to revise its safety regulations to protect the public’s health. Citizens must become involved for the sake of our health, genetic code and the environment.”

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Instructs Citizens How to Contact Congress on this Matter

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