

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 18, 2012

Mr. Ronald J. Luedtke  
(Address withheld)  
(Address withheld)

Re: **WARNING NOTICE**  
Amateur Radio License KF5IOA  
EB-12-GB-0075

Dear Mr. Luedtke:

By letter dated March 14, 2012, the Commission notified you that it had received a complaint regarding the operation of your amateur station. The complaint alleges that you have been using the local repeater on 147.130 to conduct your security operations for an oil company in violation of Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's rules.

You responded to the Commission's letter via email on May 8, 2012. In that email, you indicate that you work in the oil fields as security officers. You maintain, however, that you do not use your amateur radios for business purposes but admit that you do use the radios while at work.

While you deny that you use your radios for business purposes, you have been heard by multiple amateurs checking that status of deliveries and tracking truck arrivals via your amateur radios. This type of operation is contrary to the basis and purpose of the amateur radio service as set out in Section 97.1 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by its rules. This letter serves as notice that, if operation of this type reoccurs after receipt of this letter, you could be

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 97.1.

subject to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fines),<sup>2</sup> or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.  
Special Counsel  
Enforcement Bureau

Cc: Dallas Field Office  
South Central Regional Director

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<sup>2</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.