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Interference Crackdown

Tuesday March 19, 2019:

Radio Amateurs of Canada issues bulletin concerning the conviction and levy of fines against a rogue radio operator who generated deliberate malicious interference with normal amateur radio activities on the HF bands.

We applaud Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) for taking positive action to enforce the Canadian Amateur Radio regulations which we all respect and obey.

This is a giant step towards routing out and serving notice that rogue operation of transmitting equipment will not be tolerated in the Amateur Radio Community and will be enforced by the governing bodies.

We can only hope this is the beginning of a path pointing forward towards cleaner airwaves and the elimination of operators who wish to spoil the enjoyment of the frequencies allotted to our use. We worked very hard to obtain our Amateur Radio licenses so we can enjoy our QSO's and technical development in peace and respect.

A petition to the House of Commons in Parliament is a major factor for this action. A link to the petition also mentioned in the bulletin and also given here.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1631>

A copy of the petition response is provided on the next page. This details the penalties and action taken by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

Please follow this link to the RAC Bulletin for further details and information.

<https://wp.rac.ca/ised-canada-responds-to-petition-about-interference/>

The Scarborough Amateur Radio club applauds these actions and join those in the Amateur Radio Community in welcoming this crackdown. 73 Duncan VE3GNI



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **421-03136**

BY: **MR. BERNIER (BEAUCE)**

DATE: **JANUARY 30, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **SIGNED BY THE HONOURABLE NAVDEEP BAINS**

Response by the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Telecommunications

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) was informed of the individual's conduct in December 2015 by a group of amateur radio operators from Quebec. The individual was operating an amateur radio station without proper authorization and was known to insult, threaten and impersonate other amateur operators. As the individual disregarded ISED's written and verbal warnings, the department took action to enforce the *Act*. Due to repeated offences, ISED carried out three searches of the individual's residences and issued seven notices of violation totalling \$2,500 plus fees.

On October 17, 2018, the individual was found guilty of these seven violations of subsection 4(1) of the *Radiocommunication Act*, pursuant to subsection 10(1) of the *Act*, by Justice of the Peace Annie Vanasse at the Trois-Rivières Courthouse.

ISED also called upon a federal prosecutor to obtain an injunction against the individual. This injunction is currently at the interlocutory stage. ISED understands that the individual has not been heard on amateur radio since August 8, 2018.

ISED is closely following this case.