

MPE Analysis Report

The Equipment Under Test (EUT) is a 900MHz Transceiver for a Smart Meter. The sample supplied operated on 129 channels, normally at 902.2 - 927.8MHz. The channels are separated with 200kHz spacing. The EUT is powered by 120VAC.

For Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) evaluation of the unit, the maximum power density at 20 cm from this transmitter shall be less than the General Population / Uncontrolled MPE limit in OET Bulletin 65 and meet the requirement listed in KDB447498 D04 v01.

The measured powers among all the measured channels were within its production tolerance. The maximum source-based time-averaging duty factor is 100%. From these data and its operating configuration, the exposed power density at a distance (R) of 20 cm from the center of radiation of the antenna can be calculated according to OET Bulletin 65 as follow:

Antenna Type: external, detachable with reverse-SMA connector

Antenna Gain: 3dBi

Nominal Conducted Power: 9.46dBm

Range of Peak Conducted Power: 8dBm to 10dBm

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The maximum conducted power was 10dBm. The distance (D) between the antenna and the equipment under test (EUT) was 3 meters. And the maximum source-based time-averaging duty factor is 100%. From these data, the exposed power density at a distance (R) of 20cm from the center of radiation of the antenna can be calculated according to OET Bulletin 65 as follow:

The radiated power = 10dBm + 3dBi = 13dBm (19.95 mW)

The radiated (EIRP) source-based time-averaging output power
= (19.95 * 1) mW
= 19.95 mW

The power density at 20 cm from the antenna
= EIRP / $4\pi R^2$
= 0.003969 mW cm⁻²

In the frequency 900MHz, the MPE limit is 0.6 mWcm⁻² for general population and uncontrolled exposure. As the measured power density at 20cm from the transmitter is lower than the MPE limit, the compliance to the MPE limit can be ensured by indicating the minimum 20cm separation between the transmitter's radiating structures and body of the user or nearby persons. The following RF exposure statement is proposed to be included in the user manual:

“ FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement

Caution: To maintain compliance with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines, place the unit at least 20cm from nearby persons.”