# **Tower Construction Notification System**

# What Is It?

## The Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS)

is an on-line password protected system intended to advance the goal of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to protect historic properties, including tribal religious and cultural sites. Specifically, it increases communication by providing federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) with early notification of proposed towers in order to facilitate compliance with the Commission's Rules and Section 106 of the NHPA. The TCNS also enables the Commission to consult on a government-to-government basis with federally-recognized Tribes at an early date.

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# What Can I Do?

The TCNS allows companies to voluntarily submit a notification to the Commission of a proposed tower construction. The Commission subsequently provides this information to Tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs that have expressed an interest in the relevant geographic area. It also provides a means for Tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs to respond directly to the companies if they have concerns about the proposed tower construction.

There are several User Options available to Tribes, NHOs and SHPOs:

#### **▶ REPLY to Notifications:**

You may reply to a single notification you have received regarding proposed tower construction. You may also reply to multiple notifications at the same time.

### **SEARCH** for Notifications:

You may search the database for notifications based on several criteria, including structure location, date notification was filed, and notification ID number.

#### **▶ UPDATE Contact Information:**

You may change the contact information for your Tribe or organization, i.e., name, address, phone number and email.

#### **▶ UPDATE Notification Preference:**

You may choose whether to receive initial notifications via email and/or letter, or not to receive them at all.

## **▶ UPDATE Final Request Preference:**

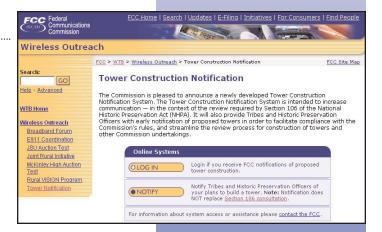
You may choose whether to receive final requests for indication of interest via email and/or letter.

### ▶ ADD Details:

You may add language specifying your preferences and procedures. This language is sent by the system to all applicants who submit notifications that are sent to the Tribe or NHO.

## ► VIEW Existing Area(s) for Notifications:

You may view and update the specific areas, states and counties for which you will receive notifications. These can be changed at any time. Tribes and NHOs who do not identify specific areas are notified of proposed tower constructions throughout the United States.





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## **User Options**

Reply - Reply to proposed tower or antenna structure notifications

Search - Search for proposed tower or antenna structure notifications

**Update Contact Information** 

<u>Update Notification Preferences</u> - Specify how you wish to receive initial notifications from the FCC

<u>Update Final Request Preferences</u> — Specify how you wish to receive final requests for indication of interest from the FCC.

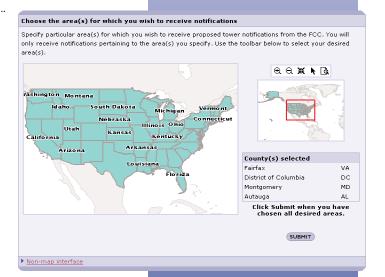
<u>Add Details</u> — Add or edit language regarding your preferences and procedures to be sent to all applicants whose notifications are referred to you

<u>View Existing Area(s)</u> - view and update the area(s) for which you wish to receive notifications

# Why Should I Use It?

By participating in the TCNS, Tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs can help ensure that they will be notified of proposed tower constructions in which they have an interest, and will not be notified of proposed tower constructions outside their geographic area of interest. By making themselves available to receive notification of proposed tower construction sites as early as possible, Tribes, NHOs and SHPOs can increase their ability to engage tower constructors and their consultants at an early date. Only Tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs, as authorized system users, will have access to the information relating to proposed tower construction sites.

We emphasize to system users that the TCNS is a tool to facilitate Section 106 Consultation. The Commission recognizes its responsibility to carry out consultation with any Indian tribe or NHO regarding historic properties. The system is NOT to be used as a substitute for Section 106 Consultation. The information provided to and conveyed through the system does not necessarily reflect legal title and is not intended to be used to establish title to any lands described therein.



# How Do I Get Help?

For additional information or assistance, you may visit the Web at http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/notification or call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 202-414-1255) and select Option #2.



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