

Region 53 700MHz Plan

Appendix E - Simplified 700 MHz Pre-assignment Rules

Introduction

This paper describes a process for coordinating the initial block assignments of 700 MHz channels before details of actual system deployments is available. In this initial phase, there is little actual knowledge of the specific equipment to be deployed and the exact antenna sites locations. As a result, a simple, high-level method is proposed to establish guidelines for frequency coordination. When actual systems are deployed, additional details will be known and the system designers will be required to select specific sites and supporting hardware to control interference.

The calculations and examples presented in this Appendix are specific to ANSI/TIA/EIA-102 series (Project 25) standards, unless stated otherwise. General Use channels may employ other digital technologies. When evaluating interference potential involving other digital technologies, refer to the latest version of TIA Technical Services Bulletin TSB-88.

Overview

Assignments will be based on a defined service area for each applicant. This will normally be an area defined by geographical or political boundaries such as city, county or by a data file consisting of line segments creating a polygon that encloses the defined area. The service contour is normally allowed to extend slightly beyond the geo/political boundaries such that systems can be designed for maximum signal levels within the boundaries, or coverage area. Systems must also be designed to minimize signal levels outside their geo/political boundaries to avoid interference into the coverage area of other co-channel users.

For co-channel assignments, the 40 dB μ service contour will be allowed to extend beyond the defined service area by 3 to 5 miles, depending on the type of environment: urban, suburban or rural. The co-channel 5 dB μ interfering contour will be allowed to touch but not overlap the 40 dB μ service contour of the system being evaluated. All contours are (50, 50).

For adjacent and alternate channels, the 60 dB μ interfering contour will be allowed to touch but not overlap the 40 dB μ service contour of the system being evaluated. All contours are (50, 50).

Discussion

Based upon the ERP/HAAT limitations referenced in 47CFR 90.541(a), the maximum field strength will be limited to 40 dB relative to 1 μ V/m (customarily denoted as 40 dB μ). It is assumed that this limitation will be applied similar to the way it is applied in the 821-824/866-869 MHz band. That is, a 40 dB μ ° field strength can be deployed up to a defined distance beyond the edge of the service area, based on the size of the service area or type of applicant, i.e. city, county or statewide system. This is important that public safety systems have adequate margins for

reliability within their service area in the presence of interference, including the potential for interference from CMRS infrastructure in adjacent bands.

The value of $40 \text{ dB}\mu^\circ$ in the 700 MHz band corresponds to a signal of -92.7 dBm , received by a half-wavelength dipole ($1/2$) antenna. The thermal noise floor for a 6.25 kHz bandwidth receiver would be in the range of -126 dBm , so there is a margin of approximately 33 dB available for “noise limited” reliability. Figure 1 shows the various interfering sources and how they accumulate to form a composite noise floor that can be used to determine the “reliability” or probability of achieving the desired performance in the presence of various interfering sources with differing characteristics.

If CMRS out-of-band emissions (OOBE) noise is allowed to be equal to the original thermal noise-floor, there is a 3 dB reduction¹ in the available margin. This lowers the reliability and/or the channel performance of Public Safety systems. The left side of Figure 1 shows that the original 33 dB margin is reduced by 3 dB to only 30 dB available to determine “noise + CMRS OOBE limited” performance and reliability.

There are also different technologies with various channel bandwidths and different performance criteria. C/N in the range of 17 – 20 dB is required to achieve channel performance.

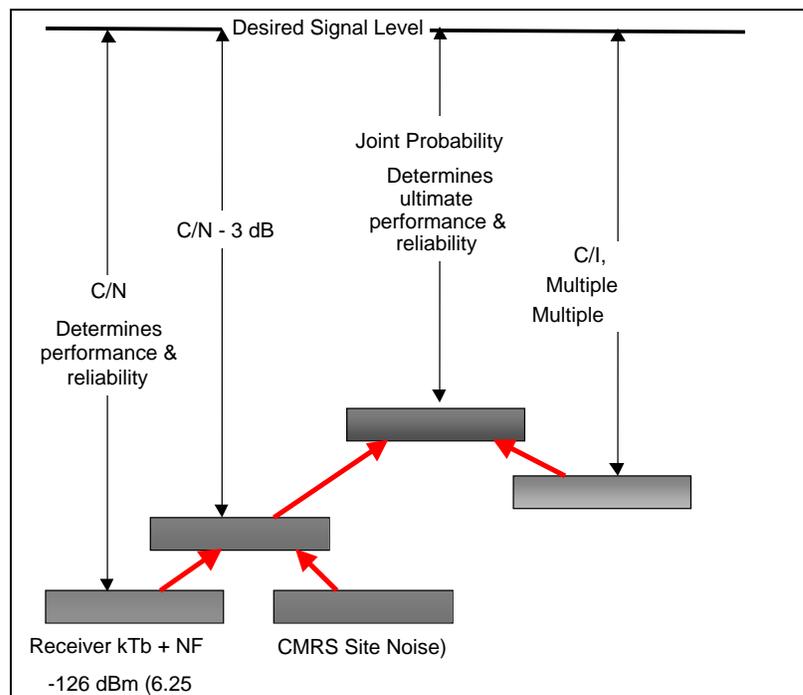


Figure 1 - Interfering Sources Create a “Noise” Level Influencing Reliability

In addition, unknown adjacent and alternate channel assignments need to be accounted for. The co-channel and adjacent/alternate sources are shown in the right hand side of Figure 1. At the

¹ TR8 made this 3 dB allowance for CMRS OOBE noise during the meetings in Mesa, AZ, January 2001.

edge of the service area, there would normally be only a single co-channel source, but there could potentially be several adjacent or alternate channel sources involved. It is recommended that co-channel assignments limit interference to <1% at the edge of the service area (worst case mile). A C/I ratio of 26.4 dB plus the required capture value (~10 dB) is required to achieve this goal.²

The ultimate performance and reliability has to take into consideration both the noise sources (thermal & CMRS OOB) and all the interference sources. The center of Figure 1 shows that the joint probability that both performance criteria and interference criteria are met must be determined.

Table 1 shows estimated performance considering the 3 dB rise in the noise floor at the 40 dBu signal level. Performance varies due to the different Cf/N requirements and noise floors of the different modulations and channel bandwidths.

Note that since little is known about the affects of terrain, an initial lognormal standard deviation of 8 dB is used.

Comparison of Joint Reliability				
Channel Bandwidth	6.25 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	25.0 kHz
Receiver ENBW (kHz)	6	6	9	18
Noise Figure(10 dB)	10	10	10	10
Receiver Noise Floor (dBm)	-126.22	-126.22	-124.46	-121.45
Rise in Noise Floor (dB)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
New Receiver Noise Floor (dB)	-123.22	-123.22	-121.46	-118.45
40 dBu = -92.7 dBm	-92.7	-92.7	-92.7	-92.7
Receiver Capture (dB)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Noise Margin (dB)	30.52	30.52	28.76	25.75
C/N Required for DAQ = 3	17.0	17.0	18.0	20.0
C/N Margin (dB)	13.52	13.52	10.76	5.75
Standard deviation (8 dB)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Z	1.690	1.690	1.345	0.718
Noise Reliability (%)	95.45%	95.45%	91.06%	76.37%
C/I for <1% prob of capture	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4
I (dBu)	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
I (dBm)	-129.0	-129.0	-129.0	-129.0
Joint Probability (C & I)	94.7%	94.7%	90.4%	76.1%
40 dBu = -92.7 dBm @ 770 MHz				

Table 1 Joint Probability For Project 25, 700 MHz Equipment Configurations.

These values are appropriate for a mobile on the street, but are considerably short to provide reliable communications to portables inside buildings.

Portable In-Building Coverage

Most Public Safety communications systems, today, are designed for portable in-building³

² See Attachment A for an explanation of how the 1% interference value is defined and derived.

coverage and the requirement for >95 % reliable coverage. To analyze the impact of requiring portable in building coverage and designing to a 40 dBμ service contour, several scenarios are presented. The different scenarios involve a given separation from the desired sites. Whether simulcast or multi-cast is used in wide-area systems, the antenna sites must be placed near the service area boundary and directional antennas, directed into the service area, must be used. The impact of simulcast is included to show that the 40 dBμ service contour must be able to fall outside the edge of the service area in order to meet coverage requirements at the edge of the service area. From the analysis, recommendations are made on how far the 40 dBμ service contour should extend beyond the service area.

Table 2 estimates urban coverage where simulcast is required to achieve the desired portable in building coverage. Several assumptions are required to use this estimate.

- Distance from the location to each site. Equal distance is assumed.
- CMRS noise is reduced when entering buildings. This is not a guarantee as the type of deployments is unknown. It is possible that CMRS units may have transmitters inside buildings. This could be potentially a large contributor unless the CMRS OOB is suppressed to TIA’s most recent recommendation and the “site isolation” is maintained at 65 dB minimum.
- The 40 dBμ service contour is allowed to extend beyond the edge of the service area boundary.
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Estimated Performance at 2.5 miles from each site				
Channel Bandwidth	6.25 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	25.0 kHz
Receiver Noise Floor (dBm)	-126.20	-126.20	-124.50	-118.50
Signal at 2.5 miles (dBm)	-72.7	-72.7	-72.7	-72.7
Margin (dB)	53.50	53.50	51.80	45.80
C/N Required for DAQ = 3	17.0	17.0	18.0	20.0
Building Loss (dB)	20	20	20	20
Antenna Loss (dBd)	8	8	8	8
Reliability Margin	8.50	8.50	5.80	-2.20
Z	1.0625	1.0625	0.725	-0.275
Single Site Noise Reliability (%)	85.60%	85.60%	76.58%	39.17%
Simulcast with 2 sites	97.93%	97.93%	94.51%	62.99%
Simulcast with 3 sites	99.70%	99.70%	98.71%	77.49%
Simulcast with 4 sites	99.96%	99.96%	99.70%	86.30%

Table 2, Estimated Performance from Site(s) 2.5 Miles from Typical Urban Buildings.

Table 2 shows for the example case of 2.5 miles that a single site cannot provide >95% reliability. Either more sites must be used to reduce the distance, or other system design techniques must be used to improve the reliability. For example, the table shows that simulcast can be used to achieve public safety levels of reliability at this distance. Table 2 also shows that the difference in performance margin requirements for wider bandwidth channels requires more

³ Building penetration losses typically required for urban = 20 dB, suburban = 15 dB, rural = 10 dB.

sites and closer site-to-site separation.

Figures 2 and 3 show how the configurations would potentially be deployed for a typical site with 240 Watts ERP. This is based on:

· 75 Watt transmitter,	18.75 dBW
· 200 foot tower	
· 10 dBd 180 degree sector antenna	+10.0 dBd
· 5 dB of cable/filter loss.	- 5.0 dB
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	23.75 dBW » 240 Watts (ERPd)

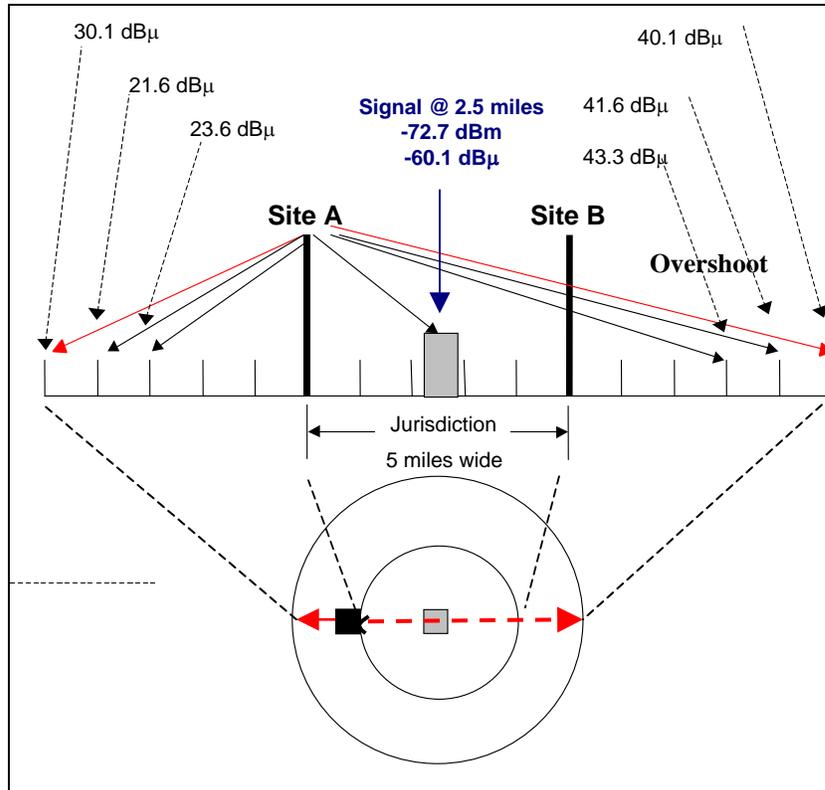


Figure 2 - Field Strength From Left Most Site.

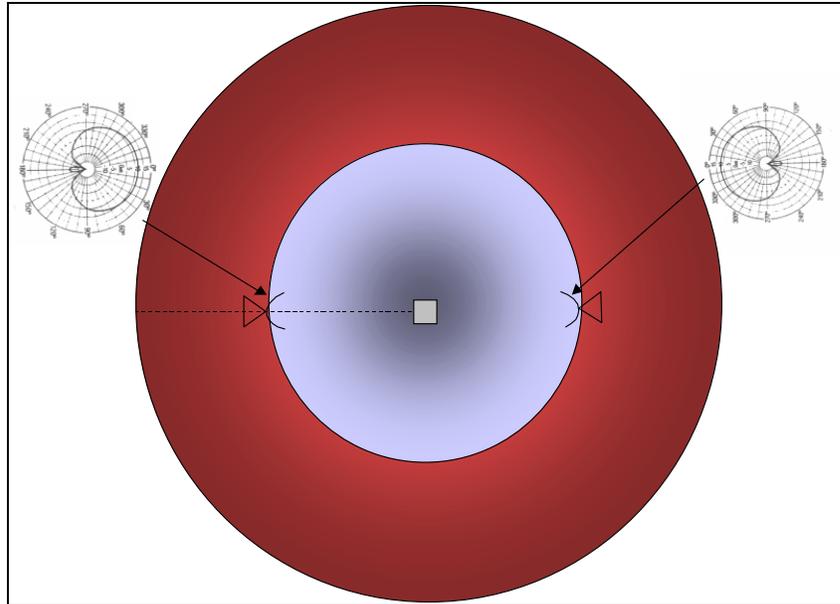


Figure 3 - Antenna Configuration Required To Limit Field Strength Off “Backside”

Figure 2 is for an urbanized area with a jurisdiction defined as a 5 mile circle. To provide the necessary coverage to portables in buildings at the center of the jurisdiction requires that the sites be placed along the edge of the service area and utilize directional antennas oriented toward the center of the service area (Figure 3). In this case, at 5 miles beyond the edge of the service area, the sites would produce a composite field strength of approximately 40 dB μ . Since one site is over 10 dB dominant, the contribution from the other site is not considered. The control of the field strength behind the site relies on a 20 dB antenna with a Front to Back Ratio (F/B) specification as shown in Figure 3. This performance may be optimistic due to back scatter off local obstructions in urbanized areas. However, use of antennas on the sides of buildings can assist in achieving better F/B ratios and the initial planning is not precise enough to prohibit using the full 20 dB.

The use of a single site at the center of the service area is not normally practical. To provide the necessary signal strength at the edge of the service area would produce a field strength 5 miles beyond in excess of 44 dB μ . However, if the high loss buildings were concentrated at the service area’s center, then potentially a single site could be deployed, assuming that the building loss sufficiently decreases near the edge of the service area allowing a reduction in ERP to achieve the desired reliability.

Instead of directional antennas, down-tilting of antennas to control the 40 dB μ is not practical in this scenario. For a 200 foot tall tower, the center of radiation from a 3 degree down-tilt antenna hits the ground at ~ 0.75 miles⁴. The difference in angular discrimination from a 200 foot tall tower at service area boundary at 5 miles and service contour at 10 miles is approximately 0.6 degrees, so ERP is basically the same as ERP toward the horizon. It would not be possible to

⁴ Use of high gain antennas with down-tilt on low-level sites is one of the causes of far-near interference experienced in the 800 MHz band.

achieve necessary signal strength at service area boundary and have 40 dB μ service contour be less than 5 miles away.

Tables 3 and 4 represent the same configuration, but for less dense buildings. In these cases, the distance to extend the 40 dB μ service contour can be determined from Table 5.

Estimated Performance at 3.5 miles from each site				
Channel Bandwidth	6.25 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	25.0 kHz
Receiver Noise Floor (dBm)	-126.20	-126.20	-124.50	-118.50
Signal at 3.5 miles (dBm)	-77.7	-77.7	-77.7	-77.7
Margin (dB)	48.50	48.50	46.80	40.80
C/N Required for DAQ = 3	17.0	17.0	18.0	20.0
Building Loss (dB)	15	15	15	15
Antenna Loss (dBd)	8	8	8	8
Reliability Margin	8.50	8.50	5.80	-2.20
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Table 3 - Lower Loss Buildings, 3.5 Mile From Site(s)

Estimated Performance at 5.0 miles from each site				
Channel Bandwidth	6.25 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	25.0 kHz
Receiver Noise Floor (dBm)	-126.20	-126.20	-124.50	-118.50
Signal at 5.0 miles (dBm)	-82.7	-82.7	-82.7	-82.7
Margin (dB)	43.50	43.50	41.80	35.80
C/N Required for DAQ = 3	17.0	17.0	18.0	20.0
Building Loss (dB)	10	10	10	10
Antenna Loss (dBd)	8	8	8	8
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Table 4 - Low Loss Buildings, 5.0 Miles From Site(s)

Note that the receive signals were adjusted to offset the lowered building penetration loss. This produces the same numerical reliability results, but allows increasing the site to building separation and this in turn lowers the magnitude of the “overshoot” across the service area.

Table 5 shows the field strength for a direct path and for a path reduced by a 20 dB F/B antenna. This allows the analysis to be simplified for the specific example being discussed.

	Site A Direct Path	Site B Back Side of 20 dB F/B Antenna
Overshoot Distance (mi)	Field Strength (dB μ)	Field Strength (dB μ)
1	73.3	53.3
2	63.3	43.3
2.5	60.1	40.1
3	57.5	37.5
4	53.3	33.5
5	50.1	30.1
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10	40.1	
11	38.4	
12	37.5	
13	36.0	
14	34.5	
15	33.0	

Table 5 - Field Strength Vs. Distance From Site

For the scenarios above, the composite level at the Service Contour is the sum of the signals from the two sites. The sum can not exceed 40 dB μ . Table 5 allows you to calculate the distance to Service Contour given the distance from one of the sites.

Scenario 1: Refer to Figure 3a. Site B is just inside the Service Area boundary and Service Contour must be <5 Miles outside Service Area boundary. Signal level at Service Contour from Site B is 30.1 dB μ . Signal level for Site A can be up to 40 dB μ , since when summing two signals with >10 dB delta, the lower signal level has little effect (less than 0.4 dB in this case). Therefore, Site A can be 10 miles from the Service Contour, or 5 miles inside the Service Area boundary. The coverage performance for this scenario is shown in Table 2, above, for 20 dB building loss typical of urban areas.

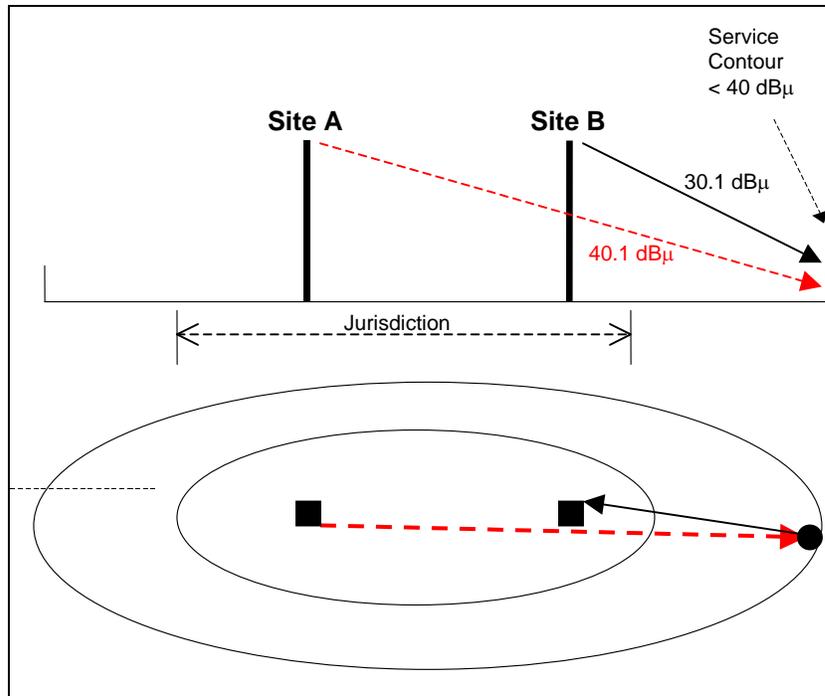


Figure 3a. Scenario 1 on of Use of Table 5

Scenario 2: Refer to bold data in Table 5. Site B is just inside the Service Area boundary and Service Contour must be <4 Miles outside Service Area boundary. Signal level at Service Contour from Site B is 33.5 dB μ . Signal level for Site A can be up to 38.4 dB μ . (See Attachment B for simple method to sum the powers of signals expressed in decibels.) The composite power level is 39.7 dB μ . Therefore, Site A can be slightly less than 11 miles from the Service Contour, or ~7 miles inside the Service Area boundary. The coverage performance for this example is shown in Table 3, above, for 15 dB building loss typical of suburban areas.

Scenario 3: Site B is just inside the Service Area boundary and Service Contour must be <3 Miles outside Service Area boundary. Signal level at Service Contour from Site B is 37.5 dB μ . Signal level for Site A can be up to 36.4 dB μ . (See Attachment B simple method to sum signals expressed in decibels.) The composite power level is 40.0 dB μ . Therefore, Site A can be ~13 miles from the Service Contour, or ~10 miles inside the Service Area boundary. The coverage performance for this example is shown in Table 4, above, for 10 dB building loss typical of rural areas.

Service Contour Extension Recommendation

The resulting recommendation for extending the 40 dB μ service contour beyond the service area boundary is:

Type of Area	Extension (mi.)
Urban (20 dB Buildings)	5
Suburban (15 dB Buildings)	4
Rural (10 dB Buildings)	3

Table 6 - Recommended Extension Distance Of 40 dB μ Field Strength

Using this recommendation, the 40 dB μ service contour can then be constructed based on the defined service area without having to perform an actual prediction.

Interfering Contour

Table 1 shows that 36.4 dB of margin is required to provide 10 dB of co-channel capture and <1% probability of interference. Since the 40 dB μ service contour is beyond the edge of the service area, some relaxation in the level of interference is reasonable. Therefore, a 35 dB co-channel C/I ratio is recommended and is consistent with what is currently being licensed in the 821-824/866-869 MHz Public Safety band.

Co-Channel Interfering Contour Recommendation

- Allow the constructed 40 dB μ (50, 50) service contour to extend beyond the edge of the defined service area by the distance indicated in Table 6.
- Allow the 5 dB μ (50, 50) interfering contour to intercept but not overlap the 40 dB μ service contour.

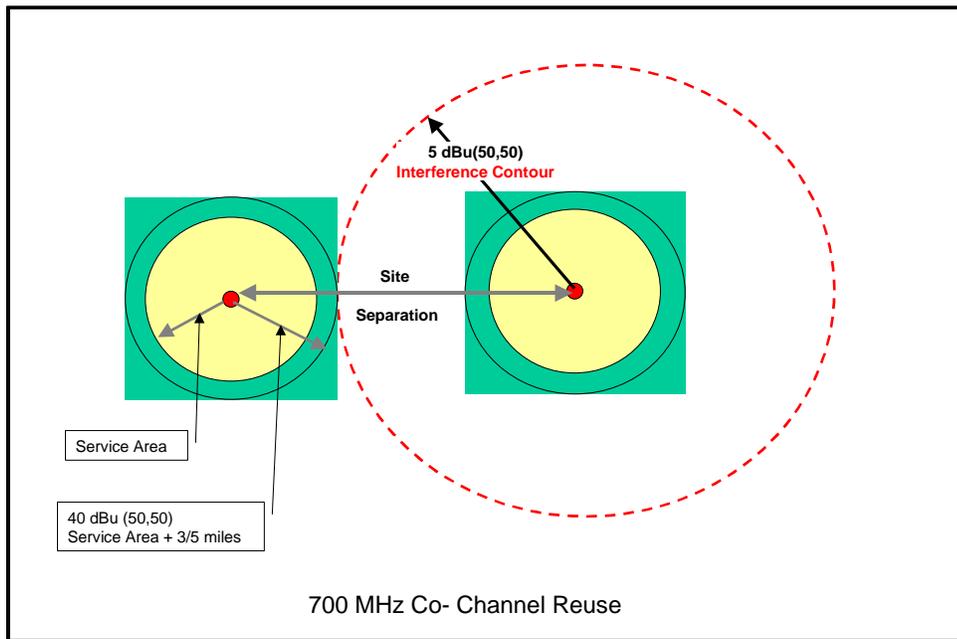


Figure 4 - Co-Channel Reuse Criterion

Adjacent and Alternate Channel Considerations

Adjacent and alternate channels are treated as being noise sources that alter the composite noise floor of a victim receiver. Using the 47 CFR §90.543 values of ACCPR can facilitate the coordination of adjacent and alternate channels. The C/I requirements for <1% interference can be reduced by the value of ACCPR. For example to achieve an X dB C/I for the adjacent channel that is -40 dBc a C/I of [X-40] dB is required. Where the alternate channel ACP value is -60 dBc, then the C/I = [X-60] dB is the goal for assignment(s). There is a compounding of interference energy, as there are numerous sources, i.e. co channel, adjacent channels and alternate channels plus the noise from CMRS OOB.

There is insufficient information in 47 CFR §90.543 to include the actual receiver performance. Receivers typically have “skirts” that allow energy outside the bandwidth of interest to be received. In addition, the FCC defines ACCP differently than does the TIA. The term used by the FCC is the same as the TIA definition of ACP. The subtle difference is that ACCP defines the energy intercepted by a defined receiver filter (e.g., 6 kHz ENBW). ACP defines the energy in a measured bandwidth that is typically wider than the receiver (e.g., 6.25 kHz channel bandwidth). As a result, the FCC values are optimistic at very close spacing and somewhat pessimistic at wider spacings, as the typical receiver filter is less than the channel bandwidth.

In addition, as channel bandwidth is increased, the total amount of noise intercepted rises compared to the level initially defined in a 6.25 kHz channel band width. However, the effect is diminished at very close spacings as the slope of the noise curve falls off rapidly. At greater spacings, the slope of the noise curve is essentially flat and the receiver’s filter limits the noise to a rise in the thermal noise floor.

Digital receivers tend to be less tolerant to interference than analog. Therefore, a 3 dB reduction in the C/(I+N) can reduce a DAQ = 3 to a DAQ = 2, which is threshold to complete muting in digital receivers. Therefore to maintain a DAQ = 3, at least 17 dB of fading margin plus the 26.4 dB margin for keeping the interference below 1% probability is required, for a total margin of 43.4 dB. However, this margin would be at the edge of the service area and the 40 dBμ service contour is allowed to extend past the edge of the service area.

Frequency drift is controlled by the FCC requirement for 0.4-ppm stability when locked. This equates to approximately a 1 dB standard deviation, which is negligible when associated with the recommended initial lognormal standard deviation of 8 dB and can be ignored.

The ANSI/TIA/EIA-102 series (Project 25) standards require that a transceiver receiver have an ACIPR of 60 dB. This implies that an ACCPR ³ 65 dB will exist for a “companion receiver”. A companion receiver is one that is designed for the specific modulation. At this time the highest likelihood is that receivers will be deploying the following receiver bandwidths at the following channel bandwidths. Note that these calculations apply only to interference between systems built to Project 25 standards. General Use channels may employ other digital technologies.

Estimated Receiver Parameters	
Channel Bandwidth	Receiver Bandwidth
6.25 kHz	5.5 kHz
12.5 kHz	5.5 or 9 kHz
25 kHz	18.0 kHz

Table 7 - Estimated Receiver Parameters

Based on 47 CFR ¶90.543 and the P25 requirement for an ACCPR ³ 65 dB into a 6.0 kHz channel bandwidth and leaving room for a migration from Phase 1 to Phase 2, allows for making the simplifying assumption that 65 dB ACCPR is available for both adjacent 25 kHz spectrum blocks.

The assumption is that initial spectrum coordination sorts are based on 25 kHz bandwidth channels. This provides the maximum flexibility by using 65 dB ACCPR for all but one possible combination of 6.25 kHz channels within the 25 kHz allotment.

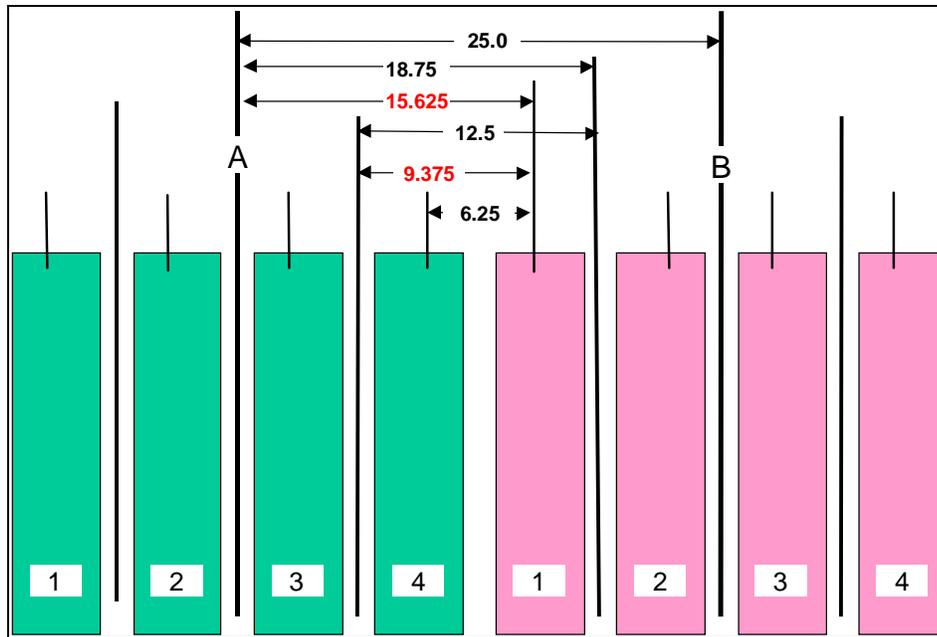


Figure 5, Potential Frequency Separations

Case	Spacing	ACCPR
25 kHz to 25 kHz	25 kHz	65 dB
25 kHz to 12.5 kHz	18.750 kHz	65 dB
25 kHz to 6.25 kHz	15.625 kHz	>40 dB
12.5 kHz to 12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	65 dB
12.5 kHz to 6.25 kHz	9.375 kHz	>40 dB
6.25 kHz to 6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	65 dB

Table 8 - ACCPR Values For Potential Frequency Separations

All cases meet or exceed the FCC requirement. The most troublesome cases occur where the wider bandwidths are working against a Project 25 Phase 2 narrowband 6.25 kHz channel. This pre-coordination based upon 25 kHz spectrum blocks still works if system designers and frequency coordinators keep this consideration in mind and move the edge 6.25 kHz channels inward away from the edge of the system. This approach allows a constant value of 65 dB ACCPR to be applied across all 25 kHz spectrum blocks regardless of what channel bandwidth is eventually deployed. There will also be additional coordination adjustments when exact system design details and antenna sites are known.

For spectrum blocks spaced farther away, it must be assumed that transmitter filtering, in addition to transmitter performance improvements due to greater frequency separation, will further reduce the ACCPR.

Therefore it is recommended that a consistent value of 65 dB ACCPR be used for the initial coordination of adjacent 25 kHz channel blocks. Rounding to be conservative due to the possibility of multiple sources allows the Adjacent Channel Interfering Contour to be approximately 20 dB above the 40 dB μ service contour, at 60 dB μ .

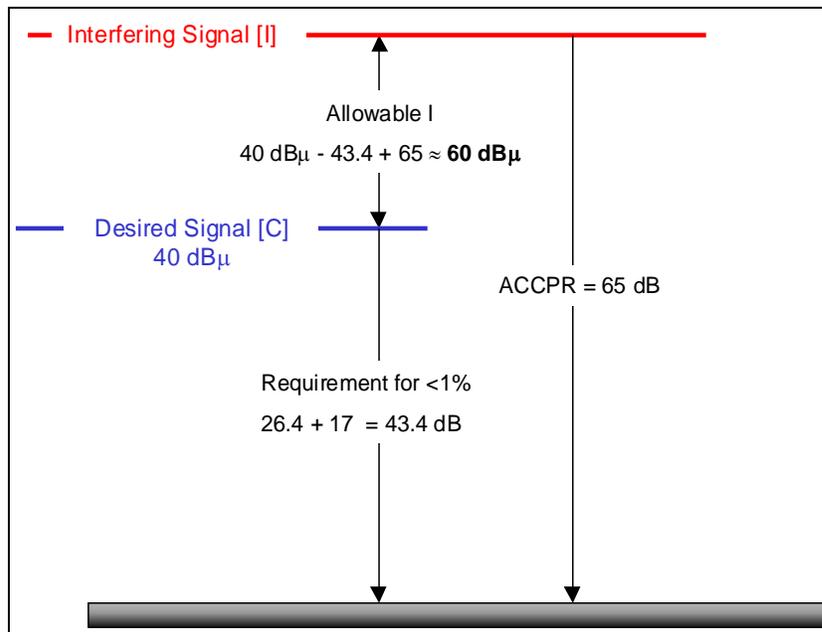


Figure 6 - Adjusted Adjacent 25 kHz Channel Interfering Contour Value

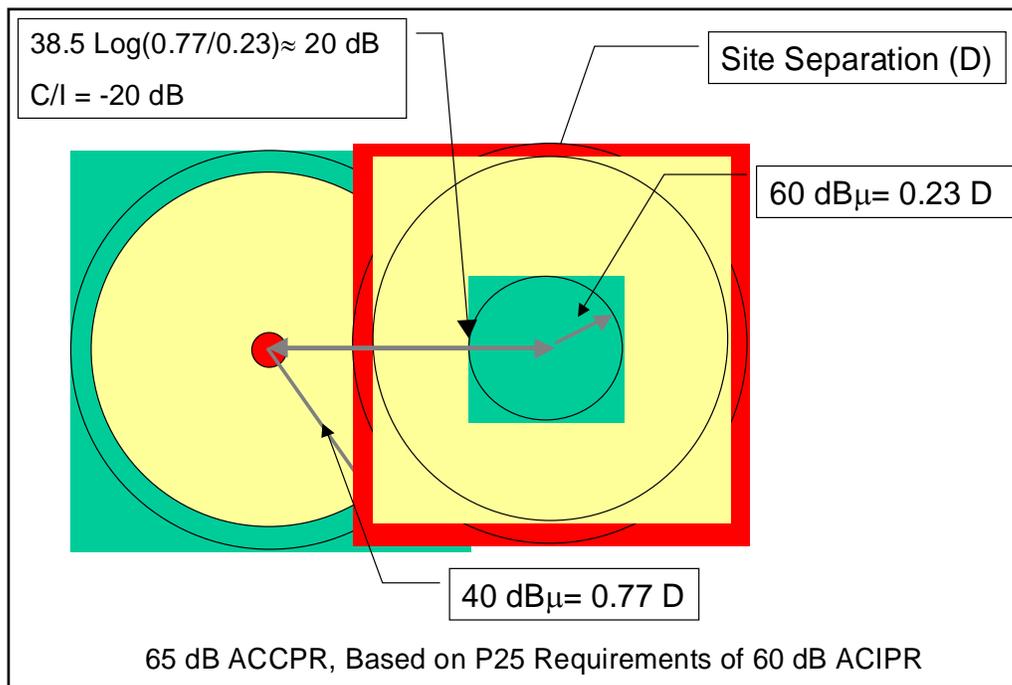


Figure 7 - Example of Adjacent/Alternate Overlap Criterion

Adjacent Channel Interfering Contour Recommendation

An adjacent (25 kHz) channel shall be allowed to have its 60 dBμ (50, 50) interfering contour

touch but not overlap the 40 dB ° (50, 50) service contour of a system being evaluated. Evaluations should be made in both directions.

Final Detailed Coordination

This simple method is only adequate for presorting large blocks of spectrum to potential entities. A more detailed analysis should be executed in the actual design phase to take all the issues into consideration.

Additional factors that should be considered include:

- Degree of Service Area Overlap
- Different size of Service Areas
- Different ERPs and HAATs
- Actual Terrain and Land Usage
- Differing User Reliability Requirements
- Migration from Project 25 Phase 1 to Phase 2
- Actual ACCP
- Balanced Systems
- Mobiles vs. Portables
- Use of voting
- Use of simulcast
- Radio specifications
- Simplex Operation
- Future unidentified requirements

Special attention needs to be paid to the use of simplex operation. In this case, an interferer can be on an offset adjacent channel and in extremely close proximity to the victim receiver. This is especially critical in public safety where simplex operations are frequently used at a fire scene or during police operation. This type operation is also quite common in the lower frequency bands. In those cases, evaluation of base-to-base as well as mobile-to-mobile interference should be considered and evaluated.

Attachment A

Carrier to Interference Requirements

There are two different ways that Interference is considered.

- Co Channel
- Adjacent and Alternate Channels

Both involve using a C/I ratio. The C/I ratio requires a probability be assigned. For example, if 10% Interference is specified, the C/I implies 90% probability of successfully achieving the desired ratio. 1% interference means that there is a 99% probability of achieving the desired C/I.

$$\frac{C}{I} \% = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\frac{C}{I} \text{ margin}}{2\sigma} \right) \tag{1}$$

This can also be written in a form using the standard deviate unit (Z). In this case the Z for the desired probability of achieving the C/I is entered. For example, for a 90% probability of achieving the necessary C/I, Z = 1.28.

$$\frac{C}{I} \% = Z \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sigma \tag{2}$$

The most common requirements for several typical lognormal standard deviations (?) are included in the following table based on Equation (2).

Location Standard Deviation (σ) dB	5.6	6.5	8	10
Probability %				
10%	10.14 dB	11.77 dB	14.48 dB	18.10 dB
5%	13.07 dB	15.17 dB	18.67 dB	23.33 dB
4%	13.86 dB	16.09 dB	19.81 dB	24.76 dB
3%	14.90 dB	17.29 dB	21.28 dB	26.20 dB
2%	16.27 dB	18.88 dB	23.24 dB	29.04 dB
1%	18.45 dB	21.42 dB	26.36 dB	32.95 dB

Table A1 - Probability of Not Achieving C/I For Various Location Lognormal Standard Deviations

These various relationships are shown in Figure A1, a continuous plot of equation(s) 1 and 2.

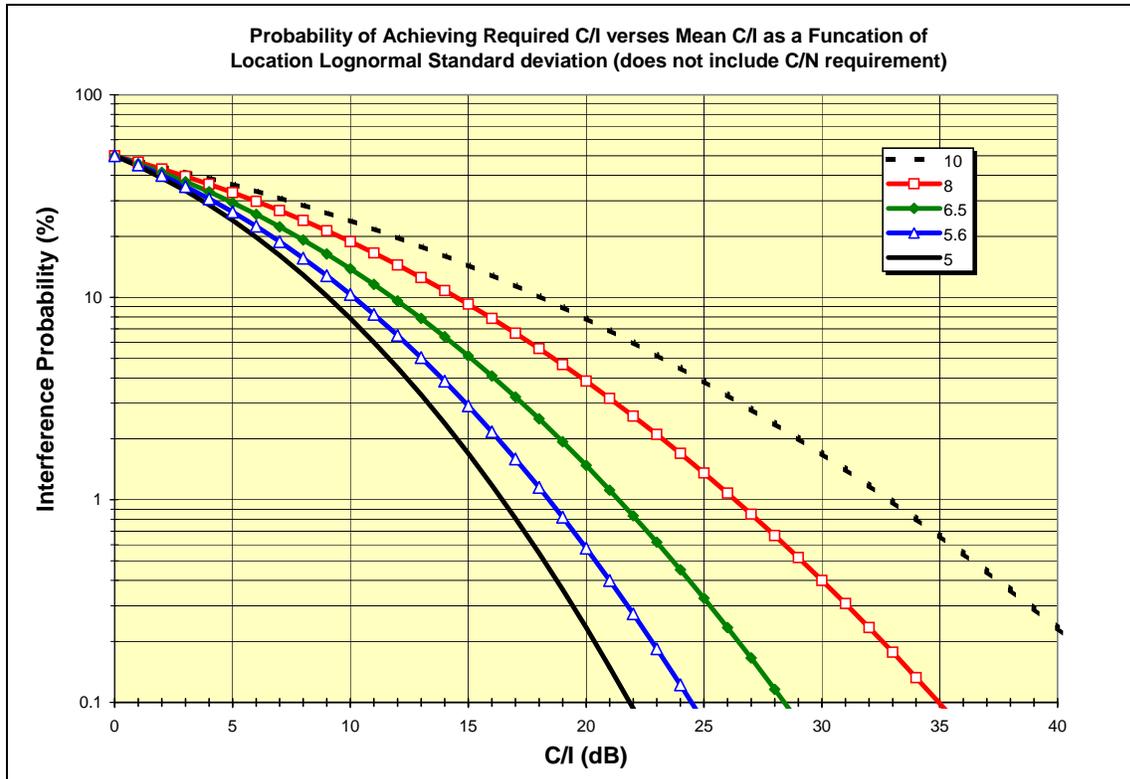


Figure A1, Probability of Achieving Required C/I As A Function Of Location Standard Deviation

For co-channel the margin needs to include the “capture” requirement. When this is done, then a 1% probability of co channel interference can be rephrased to mean, there is a 99% probability that the “capture ratio” will be achieved. The capture ratio varies with the type of modulation. Older analog equipment has a capture ratio of approximately 7 dB. Project 25 FDMA is specified at 9 dB. Figure A1 shows the C/I requirement without including the capture requirement.

The 8 dB value for lognormal location standard deviation is reasonable when little information is available. Later when a detailed design is required, additional details and high-resolution terrain and land usage databases will allow a lower value to be used. The TIA recommended value is 5.6 dB. Using 8 dB initially and changing to 5.6 dB provides additional flexibility necessary to complete the final system design.

To determine the desired probability that both the C/N and C/I will be achieved requires that a joint probability be determined. Figure A2 shows the effects of a family of various levels of C/N reliability and the joint probability (Y-axis) in the presence of various probabilities of Interference. Note that at 99% reliability with 1% interference (X-axis) that the reduction is nearly the difference. This is because the very high noise reliability is degraded by the

interference, as there is little probability that the noise criterion will not be satisfied. At 90%, the 1% interference has a greater likelihood that it will occur simultaneously when the noise criterion not being met, resulting in less degradation of the 90%.

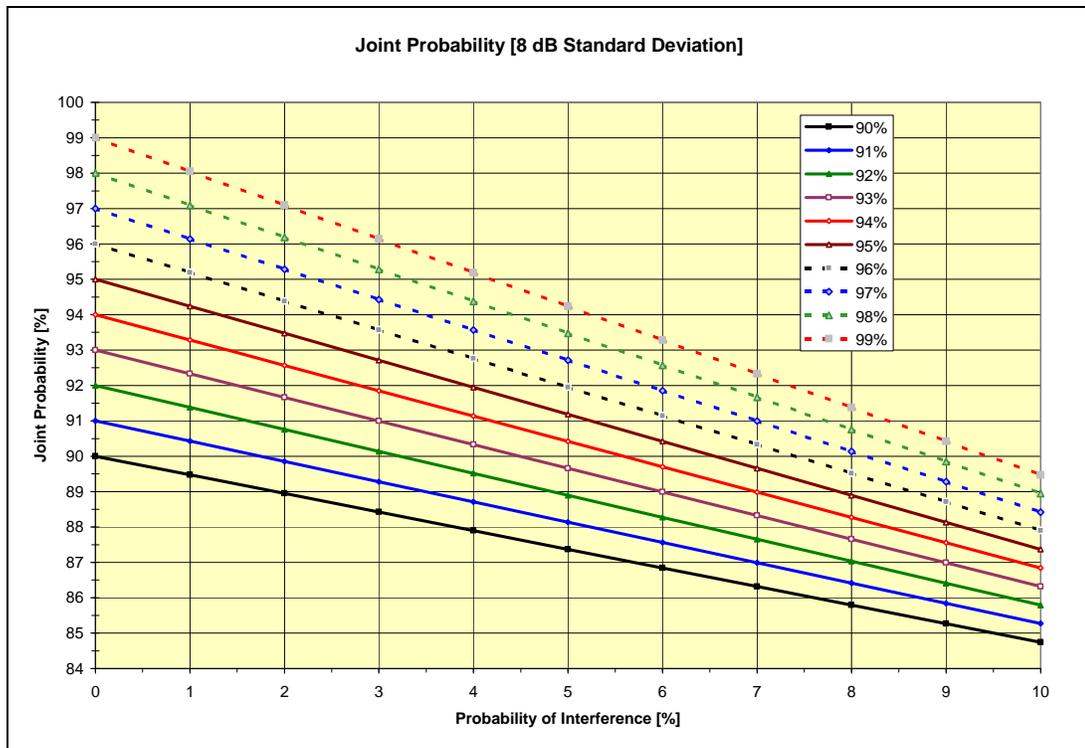
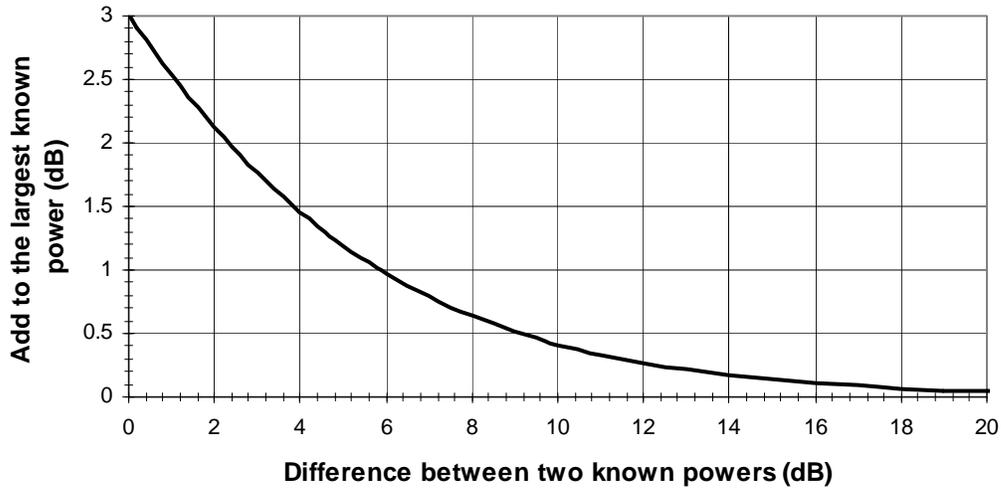


Figure A2 - Effect of Joint Probability On The Composite Probability

For adjacent and alternate channels, the channel performance requirement must be added to the C/I ratio. When this is applied, then a 1% probability of adjacent/alternate channel interference can be rephrased to mean, there is a 99% probability that the “channel performance ratio” will be achieved.

Attachment B

Adding Two Known Non-Coherent Powers



In order to sum the power of two or more signals expressed in dBm or dBμ, the level should be converted to a voltage level or a power level, summed (root of the sum of the squares), and then converted back to dBm or dBμ.

The chart above provides simple method to sum two power levels expressed in dBm or dBμ. First find the difference between the two signals on the horizontal axis. Go up to the curve and across to the vertical axis to find the power delta. Add the power delta to the larger of the two original signal levels.

Example 1: Signal A is 36.4 dBμ. Signal B is 37.5 dBμ. Difference is 1.1 dB. Power delta is about 2.5 dB. Composite signal level is 37.5 dBμ + 2.5 dB = 40 dBμ.

Example 2: Signal is -96.3 dBm. Signal B is -95.2 dBm. Difference is 1.1 dB. Power delta is about 2.5 dB. Composite signal level is -95.2 dBm + 2.5 dB = -92.7 dBm.