FCC §15.247 (i) & §2.1091 – MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Applicable Standard

According to FCC §15.247(i) and §1.1307(b)(1), systems operating under the provisions of this section shall be operated in a manner that ensures that the public is not exposed to radio frequency energy level in excess of the Commission's guidelines.

Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) (§1.1310, §2.1091)

(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure									
Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm²)	Averaging Time (minutes)					
0.3–1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30					
1.34–30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f²)	30					
30–300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30					
300–1500	/	/	f/1500	30					
1500-100,000	/	/	1.0	30					

f = frequency in MHz;

MPE Calculation

Predication of MPE limit at a given distance

$$S = PG/4\pi R^2$$

Where: S = power density (in appropriate units, e.g. mW/cm2);

P = power input to the antenna (in appropriate units, e.g., mW);

G = power gain of the antenna in the direction of interest relative to an isotropic radiator

R = distance to the center of radiation of the antenna (appropriate units, e.g., cm);

Radio	Frequency (MHz)	Antenna Gain		Conducted Power		Evaluation Distance	Power Density	MPE Limit
Mode		(dBi)	(numeric)	(dBm)	(mW)	(cm)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²)
802.11b	2437	1.0	1.26	17.25	53.09	20	0.013	1.0
802.11g	2437	1.0	1.26	15.12	32.51	20	0.008	1.0
802.11n20	2437	1.0	1.26	17.10	51.29	20	0.013	1.0
802.11n40	2437	1.0	1.26	17.20	52.48	20	0.013	1.0

Result: The device meets FCC MPE limit at 20 cm distance.

^{* =} Plane-wave equivalent power density.