

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 11, 2014

Mr. Joe Pepe
General Manager
Kennett Square Specialties
546 Creek Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

**RE: Radio frequency interference
EB-FIELDNER-14-00014206**

Dear Mr. Pepe:

On March 6, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission notified you that it had received a complaint of harmful radio interference apparently caused by fluorescent light ballasts being operated at Kennett Square Specialties (Kennett Square). This interference was been reported by licensed operators in the Amateur Radio Service. The complainants are:

(Name withheld)
(Name withheld)
(Address withheld)
Kennett Square, PA 19348
Tel: (Number withheld)

The March 6, 2014 letter advised Kennett Square that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged Kennett Square to voluntarily resolve the matter without Commission intervention. The letter specifically stated, however, that if it became necessary for the Commission to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rule violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeitures.¹ Kennett Square did not respond to the March 6, 2014 letter. Likewise, the complainants report that there has been no reduction in the radio frequency interference.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this warning to respond to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of Mr. and Mrs. (name withheld)'s radio interference.

¹ Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

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If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 717-338-2577.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Philadelphia Field Office
Northeast Regional Director