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Spectrum policy impacts the American public both as consumers and as citizens. Good spectrum policy improves American quality of life through enhanced entertainment, improved healthcare, better education, and increased job opportunities. In short, good spectrum policy drives our economic growth. Conscientious spectrum management also provides for citizens through needed safety for airlines, reliable severe weather warnings, and seamless national security operations. NTIA is dedicated to providing effective and thoughtful policy for allocating and managing our finite spectrum resources.

Spectrum requirements are increasing across federal agencies, state and local governments, and commercial industries. NTIA strives to maintain balance between competing needs to encourage growth in new commercial wireless services, while also ensuring federal and other government agencies have the spectrum they need to serve the public effectively.

Traditional spectrum management approaches, such as reallocating federal spectrum for exclusive commercial use, are not sustainable in an increasingly complex use environment. Therefore, NTIA believes spectrum sharing is essential to future use, including both non-federal access to federal bands and federal access to non-federal bands. This increased flexibility, when appropriate, will help us optimize this finite resource to the benefit of both public and private sector interests along with ongoing innovation. Federal agencies have always shared spectrum among each other, and we continue to look for ways to improve efficiencies in how spectrum is used in the Executive Branch, as well as continuing to work as partners with the private sector.