Synopsis of IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 “IEEE Standard for Safety Levels With Respect to Human Exposure to Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields, 0 Hz to 300 GHz”

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**ABSTRACT** The newly released IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 defines exposure criteria and associated limits for the protection of persons against established adverse health effects from exposures to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields, in the frequency range 0 Hz to 300 GHz. The exposure limits apply to persons permitted in restricted environments and to the general public in unrestricted environments. These limits are not intended to apply to the exposure of patients by or under the direction of physicians and care professionals, as well as to the exposure of informed volunteers in scientific research studies, or to the use of medical devices or implants. IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 can be obtained at no cost from the IEEE Get Program https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8859679.

**INDEX TERMS** Non-ionizing radiation protection, radio frequency (RF), RF exposure, RF safety, dosimetric reference limit (DRL), exposure reference level (ERL), induced and contact currents, specific absorption rate (SAR), electric fields, magnetic fields, electromagnetic fields, (epithelial) power density, electrostimulation, general public, restricted environment, unrestricted environment.

**BACKGROUND**

In 1960, the American Standards Association approved the initiation of the Radiation Hazards Standards Project under the co-sponsorship of the US Department of the Navy and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Incorporated (IEEE); (called the “Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE)” at the time). The first C95.1 standard was published in 1966. In 2001, the IEEE Standards Association Standards Board approved the name “International Committee on Electromagnetic Safety (ICES)” to better reflect its international membership as well as the scope of its Technical Committees (TC): TC34, addressing compliance assessment methods, and TC95, addressing exposure safety. The scope of IEEE ICES TC95, which developed IEEE Std C95.1™-2019, is “Development of standards for the safe use of electromagnetic energy in the range of 0 Hz to 300 GHz relative to the potential hazards of exposure of man, volatile materials, and explosive devices to such energy. It is not intended to include infrared, visible, ultraviolet, or ionizing radiation. The committee will coordinate with other committees whose scopes are contiguous with ICES.”

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- **SC 1:** Techniques, Procedures, Instrumentation, and Computation
- **SC 2:** Terminology, Units of Measurements, and Hazard Communication
- **SC 3:** Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure, 0 Hz to 3 kHz
- **SC 4:** Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure, 3 kHz to 300 GHz
- **SC 5:** Safety Levels with Respect to Electro-Explosive Devices
- **SC 6:** EMF Modeling and Dosimetry

IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 [1] was prepared by SC 3 and SC 4. This synopsis is only a reference document and it is not designed to replace the standard. For a better understanding of the C95.1 standard, please download a free copy through the IEEE Get Program™ (https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8859679). Non-IEEE members will have to...
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**OVERVIEW**

**SCOPE**

IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 specifies exposure criteria and limits to protect against established adverse health effects in humans associated with exposure to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields in the frequency range of 0 Hz to 300 GHz. The limits, incorporating safety margins, are defined in terms of dosimetric reference limits (DRL) and exposure reference levels (ERL). DRLs are expressed in terms of in situ (i.e., internal to the body of the exposed person) electric field strength, specific absorption rate (SAR), and epithelial power density. ERLs, which are more easily determined through measurements or computational analysis, are limits on external electric and magnetic fields, incident power density, induced and contact currents, and contact voltages that are intended to ensure that the DRLs are not exceeded. DRLs and ERLs protect against adverse health effects associated with electrostimulation of tissue and local and whole-body heating and are intended to apply to common situations where persons are exposed to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields in the stated frequency range. However, the exposure limits are not intended to address exposures of patients or human research subjects under professional supervision, for which potential risks and recognized benefits might apply. Furthermore, these limits might not prevent interference with medical and implantable electronic devices that may be susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI).

**GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

The 2019 update of the C95.1 standard incorporates revisions of IEEE Std C95.1™-2005 [2] and IEEE Std C95.6™-2002 [3], further merging them into a single document, thus covering a large swath of the non-ionizing radiation spectrum. Updated information is also included from IEEE Std C95.1-2345™-2014 [4] (addressing military workplaces and military personnel protection), which preceded this standard in combining and updating IEEE Std C95.1-2005 and IEEE Std C95.6-2002, introducing expanded, frequency-dependent exposure levels for contact currents, as well as new terminology such as “safety program initiation level,” “unrestricted environments” and “restricted environments.”

Recommendations to protect against established adverse health effects to humans from exposures to electric fields, magnetic fields, electromagnetic fields, and contact currents are defined on the basis of a comprehensive review of the scientific literature. The literature review performed for IEEE Std C95.1-2005 constitutes a strong foundation for the 2019 edition (see C.2 to C.7 [1]). As discussed in A.1.7 [1], the ICES literature review working group (LRWG) found that many recent health agency and expert group reviews confirmed the protective nature of the existing limits. The major changes in limits in the 2019 edition address DRLs and ERLs above 6 GHz as based on recent thermal modeling studies. Detailed reviews of scientific studies dealing with effects at frequencies above 6 GHz are included in C.8 [1]. Review of the extensive literature on electromagnetic field (EMF) biological effects, spanning seven decades, confirmed that electrostimulation remains the dominant effect at frequencies below 100 kHz (but possibly up to 5 MHz for pulsed fields) and that thermal effects dominate at frequencies above 5 MHz, while both require protective limits in the 0.1 MHz to 5 MHz range.

Examination of the literature on exposure to electromagnetic energy revealed no reproducible low-level (nonthermal) adverse health effects. Moreover, the scientific consensus is that there are no accepted theoretical mechanisms that would explain the existence of low-level adverse health effects. Since the publication of ANSI C95.1-1982 [5], advances have been made in the scientific knowledge of the biological effects of exposure to electromagnetic energy. This additional and cumulative knowledge helps strengthen the basis for and confidence in the assertion that the ERLs and DRLs in IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 are protective against established adverse health effects.

The literature review also evaluated the possibility of adverse health effects associated with chronic low-level exposure. For exposures to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields at frequencies between 0 Hz and 300 GHz, the following two conclusions were reached:

a) The weight-of-evidence provides no credible indication of adverse effects caused by chronic exposures below levels specified in IEEE Std C95.1™-2019.

b) No biophysical mechanisms have been scientifically validated that would link chronic exposures below levels specified in IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 to adverse health effects.

Based on the collective findings of recent reviews, the weight of the evidence continues to indicate that chronic exposure at levels specified in this standard is unlikely to cause adverse health effects. Nonetheless, ICES Subcommittees routinely evaluate new research and will, if appropriate, initiate revision of IEEE Std. C95.1-2019.

Various new definitions are introduced in IEEE Std C95.1™-2019. The terms unrestricted tier (lower tier) and restricted tier (upper tier) refer to ranges of permissible exposure levels, with each tier having an upper limit. The lower tier limit is designated as the “safety program initiation level” (rather than the “action level” as designated in IEEE Std C95.1™-2005) to emphasize that an EMF safety program is necessary if exposure levels exceed said limit and fall in the upper tier. It should be noted that the 2019 edition refers to the upper tier exposure limit as applicable to
persons permitted in restricted environments,” to emphasize that individuals might occupy restricted environments, where the higher ERLs and DRLs are applicable, provided they follow applicable EMF safety program guidance and procedures. This standard specifically avoids the declaration that only individuals who are exposed because of their occupation may enter restricted environments. For portable devices, such as mobile phones and two-way radios, the lower tier DRL is applicable to devices available to the general public, while the higher tier DRL is applicable to professional use devices for which EMF exposure awareness information/training is provided.

**PROTECTED POPULATION**

IEEE Std C95.1™-2019 is intended to apply to all people, regardless of age, with sufficient safety factors incorporated to accommodate variations in health, body size, shape and environment. Patients undergoing procedures for medical diagnosis or treatment that require exposure to fields or currents in excess of the DRLs and ERLs are exempted. The medical-applications exemption is provided under the expectation that medical staff are appropriately trained in minimizing the risk concomitant with the provision of a recognized benefit from the exposure.

Application of IEEE Std C95.1-2019 is intended to offer protection to all persons in unrestricted exposure environments such as living quarters, public areas, and workplaces (unrestricted/lower tier), as well as to persons permitted in restricted environments (restricted/upper tier). For the latter, information or training on EMF exposure awareness must be provided under an acceptable EMF safety program, which may include compulsory exposure mitigation measures. Examples of exposure mitigation include engineering controls (engineering controls are the preferred approach to exposure mitigation in most exposure scenarios), administrative controls, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as insulated gloves and/or protective clothing, awareness programs, and operator training documentation designed to alert personnel to the possibility of effects, or specific work practices that lessen the duration or intensity of exposure (e.g., per IEEE Std C95.7™-2014 [6] for the RF frequency range).

**SAFETY FACTORS**

Safety factors and their rationales are different for frequencies below approximately 100 kHz (but possibly up to 5 MHz for pulsed fields), where the adverse effect concerns electrosimulation, and above 100 kHz where the adverse effects being protected against are related to tissue heating. In the transition region of 100 kHz to 5 MHz, both electrosimulation and heating can occur. For frequencies above 6 GHz, the effect being protected against is tissue surface heating. The three types of effects (i.e., electrosimulation, whole-body heating, and local heating) are protected against through three separate sets of DRLs and ERLs that are applicable within respective frequency ranges. Safety factors are implemented considering the effects for each frequency band.

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND SAFETY PROGRAMS**

An EMF safety program, such as described for the RF range in IEEE Std C95.7, shall be implemented whenever the lower tier DRLs (or corresponding ERLs) can be exceeded (safety program initiation level). For persons in unrestricted environments, the lower tier DRLs shall not be exceeded. For persons permitted in restricted environments, the lower tier DRLs may be exceeded but the upper tier DRLs shall not be exceeded. The identification of restricted environments is accomplished via an EMF exposure assessment. Any consequent EMF safety program shall implement appropriate controls for access to the restricted environment. The purpose of the safety program is to prevent exposures that exceed the upper tier exposure limits. While safety programs are applied to fixed (or stationary) sources of electromagnetic fields, portable devices such as mobile phones or professional two-way radios are subject to separate requirements for limiting peak spatial average SAR in tissues. Procedures to assure compliance with respect to the DRLs for either lower or upper exposure tiers, as appropriate, are developed within IEEE ICES TC34, frequently in conjunction with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Technical Committee 106.

**EXPOSURE LIMITS**

DRLs and ERLs for exposure to electric, magnetic, or electromagnetic fields are defined to protect against painful electrosimulation in the frequency range of 0 Hz to 5 MHz and to protect against adverse heating in the frequency range of 100 kHz to 300 GHz. In the transition region of 100 kHz to 5 MHz, protection against both electrosimulation and thermal effects is provided through both sets of limits. Below 100 kHz, only the electrosimulation limits apply, while above 5 MHz, only the thermal limits apply, and both sets of limits apply in the transition region (100 kHz to 5 MHz). Within the transition region, the limits based on electrosimulation are generally more limiting for low-duty-factor exposures, while the thermal-based limits are more limiting for continuous-wave fields. ERLs also are defined for contact currents, induced currents, and contact voltages for the frequency range of 0 Hz to 110 MHz.

Evaluation of compliance with this standard ideally includes a determination that the DRLs are not exceeded. This determination is difficult in most cases because it can only be carried out using sophisticated analytical or measurement techniques, which are often limited to laboratory-type settings. ERLs are derived from the DRLs to provide a readily assessed quantity via measurements or computations. The value of an ERL is determined such that when the measured exposure complies with the ERL, it is also in compliance with the DRL. An ERL, however, may be exceeded if it can be demonstrated that the corresponding DRL is
Differences between this standard and IEEE std C95.6-2002 and IEEE std C95.1-2005

As summarized in B.1.2, these are differences from the previous standards:

a) IEEE Std C95.1-2005 [2] contains two tiers: an upper tier for “people in controlled environments” and a lower tier “action level” for implementing an RF safety program or MPE for the general public when an RF safety program is not available. In this standard, operational definitions are introduced. The terms “lower tier” (“unrestricted tier”) and “upper tier” (“restricted tier”) establish the maximum exposure limits for persons in unrestricted environments and for persons permitted in restricted environments, respectively.

b) A DRL replaces basic restriction, and an ERL replaces MPE, the terms used in the previous standard. The intent is to make the terms more explicit and understandable.

c) The safety program initiation level (previously “action level”) is clarified as the ERL marking the transition point between the lower (unrestricted) tier and the upper (restricted) tier.

d) The upper frequency boundary for the whole-body-average specific absorption rate (WBA SAR) has been changed from 3 GHz to 6 GHz because of improved measurement capabilities and to harmonize with the anticipated revised ICNIRP guidelines [10].

e) The averaging time is 30 min for whole-body RF exposure and 6 min for local exposure. It is scientifically more appropriate to select the averaging time according to the absorbing mass, not according to the exposure tier.

f) The term “extremities” as used in IEEE Std C95.1-2005 is changed to “limbs” involving the whole arms and legs, instead of portions distal to the elbows and knees. This change is to harmonize with IEEE Std C95.6-2002 and the ICNIRP guidelines [11].

g) After the publication of more recent dosimetry findings, the local exposure ERL factor is now frequency dependent, instead of being a fixed factor of 20 times the whole-body ERL over a frequency band.

h) The upper tier whole-body exposure ERLs above 300 MHz are different from those in IEEE Std C95.1-2005 to maintain a consistent factor of 5 between tiers and to harmonize with ICNIRP guidelines.

i) The local exposure DRL and ERL for frequencies between 6 GHz and 300 GHz have been changed. The DRL is the epithelial power density inside the body surface, and ERL is the incident power density outside the body. The power density area for spatial averaging is defined as 4 cm$^2$. For smaller areas, relaxed limits are allowed.

j) Peak DRL and ERL limits for local exposures to pulsed RF fields are defined, and new fluence limits for single RF-modulated pulses above 30 GHz are introduced. The averaging area for single pulse fluence is 1 cm$^2$.

k) The previous induced current limit for both feet is considered an unrealistic condition and is removed. The induced current limits for a single foot are retained.

l) Root-mean-square (rms) induced and contact current limits for continuous sinusoidal waveforms (100 kHz to 110 MHz) are allowed.

m) For smaller areas, relaxed limits are allowed.

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**INFORMATIVE ANNEXES A TO E**

**ANNEX A**

Approach to revision of IEEE Std C95.1\textsuperscript{TM}-2005 and IEEE Std C95.6\textsuperscript{TM}-2002.

Subclause A.1 has subsections discussing: 1) Continuity of the IEEE standards revision process, 2) Open nature of the IEEE ICES standards development process, 3) Complete reassessment of the technical rationale, 4) Process clarifications, and appeals, 5) The literature surveillance effort, 6) Literature evaluation process, and 7) Identification of hazards and interaction mechanisms.

Subclause A.2 includes: 1) Basic concepts for developing the ERLs, 2) Publication of novel findings, supportive data, and general acceptance by the scientific community, 3) Assessing thresholds and dose-response relationships, and 4) Selection of safety factors and development of ERLs, and 4) Mechanisms of biophysical interaction for the three frequency bands (0-5 MHz, 100 kHz-300 GHz, 6 GHz - 300 GHz).

Subclause A.3 covers the adverse health effects of the three frequency bands.

**ANNEX B**

Rationale

Recent literature reviews by the ICES working groups and the literature review have not revealed reliable evidence that would change the scientific basis for the adverse effect levels. The adverse effect is electrostimulation at low frequency and heating at high frequency. The threshold for WBA SAR of 4 W/kg for established adverse effects remains the same as in the ANSI C95.1-1982 [5], and the IEEE Std C95.1-2005 [2]. Adoption was based on the decision that the threshold for disruption of ongoing behavior in laboratory animals including nonhuman primates can be extrapolated to potentially adverse effect in human beings. The peak spatial-average SAR (psSAR) values were changed in IEEE Std C95.1-2005 from 1.6 W/kg and 8 W/kg averaged over 1 g of tissue for exposure of the public and exposures in controlled environments to 2 W/kg and 10 W/kg averaged over 10 g of tissue, respectively. Modeling studies report the possibility of a 1 °C or greater rise in tissue temperature at 10 W/kg per 10 g. An increase of 1 °C had been suggested earlier as the upper temperature increase without detrimental health effects.

The rationale to set exposure limits for stimulatory effects at lower frequencies and temperature-related effects at higher frequencies has been explained thoroughly in this standard. Improved numerical and measurement methods in RF dosimetry have increased our understanding of the SAR-temperature relationship following RF energy deposition in human tissue, which is essential when assessing potential biological and health effects. In addition, to explain the rationale for adverse effect levels in the frequency range of 100 kHz to 300 GHz (see B.3), several special considerations have been reviewed and explained in detail in B.7 (for example, to cover extreme exposure situations of specific human subpopulations).

In summary, this standard incorporates a large margin of safety and a safety program is required to provide part of the margin of safety for those exposed above the lower tier level. This standard should also be considered especially conservative because the safety factors are applied against perception phenomena (electro-stimulation and behavioral disruption), which are far less serious effects than any permanent pathology or even reversible tissue damage that could occur at much higher exposure levels than those for perception phenomena.

In subsequent subclauses, rationales for the various frequency bands are explained in detail:

B.2 Rationale for limits based on electrostimulation (0 Hz to 5 MHz)

B.3 Rationale for limits based on heating (100 kHz to 300 GHz)

B.4 DRL and ERL

B.5 Adverse effect levels

B.6 Averaging time

B.7 Special considerations (Recognition of whole-body resonance; Nonuniform exposure fields; Near-field versus far-field exposures and SAR; Spatial considerations (peak versus whole-body average values); Tissue averaging mass considerations; Historical perspective on the evolution of the lower tier; Adverse environmental conditions and workloads; Presence of medical devices or metallic implants; Influences of medications; Pregnancy; Use of mobile telephones by children; and Macular degeneration).

**ANNEX C**

Identification of levels of exposure associated with adverse effects—summary of the literature

A review of the extensive literature on biological effects of electromagnetic fields reveals adverse health effects can occur as electrostimulation at low frequencies and thermal effects at high frequencies. This conclusion is consistent with those reached by other scientific expert groups and government agencies including many reviews or reports published up to the end of 2017, and also 2019 [12].

Further examination of the RF literature reveals no confirmed adverse health effects below current exposure limits that would occur even under unusually high heat loads from ambient thermal conditions and workload. The scientific consensus is that no accepted theoretical mechanisms exist that would suggest the existence of such effects. This consensus further supports the analysis presented in this annex that established harmful effects can occur due to excessive absorption of thermal energy from an RF field, leading to detrimentally elevated temperatures within tissue.

The accepted mechanism is RF energy absorbed by the biological system through interaction with polar molecules (dielectric relaxation) or interactions with ions (ohmic loss), which is rapidly dispersed to all modes of the system leading to an average energy rise or temperature elevation.
Since publication of ANSI C95.1-1982, significant advances have been made in our knowledge of the biological effects of exposure to RF energy. This increased knowledge strengthens the basis for and confidence in the statement that the ERLs and DRLs in this standard are broadly protective against established adverse health effects.

Since all expert reviews confirm the protectiveness of the current limits [12], and the fact that the only changes in limits in this standard are the dosimetric reference limits (DRL) and exposure reference levels (ERL) above 6 GHz, this annex includes reviews of scientific papers dealing with effects at frequencies higher than 6 GHz.

Subclauses C.2 to C.7 are essentially adapted from Annex B of IEEE Std C95.1-2005. Subclause C.8 contains review of literature above 6 GHz.

C.2 Identification of levels of RF exposure responsible for adverse effects—Summary of the literature (IEEE Std C95.1-2005, Annex B)

C.3 Role of mechanisms in determination of levels for adverse effects

C.4 Improvements in dosimetry

C.5 Established effects forming the basis of this standard

C.6 Noncancer-related studies

C.7 Cancer-related studies

C.8 Reviews of the literature (frequencies between 6 GHz and 300 GHz)

ANNEX D

Practical examples for compliance determinations—Applications

Often there are situations where determining compliance with this standard may be difficult and not always straightforward. This annex focuses on those portions of the standard that have traditionally been problematic for interpretation and implementation. Examples are shown on applying the peak power density limits, heat sealing application at 27 MHz, and evaluating polarization-dependent exposures. Subclause D.2 explains how to deal with multifrequency exposures (exposures to multiple sources). Subclause D.3 deals with RF field exposures consisting of intense pulsed power densities shall comply not only with the WBA ERL and local ERL but also with a limit on the fluence of the pulses (J/m² or kJ/m²). Subclause D.4 has requirements for measurements of electric field and magnetic fields, induced currents, and contact voltage (frequencies above 100 kHz).

ANNEX E

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Annex E contains 1550 references.

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