

For transmission the week of 10/18/2010

MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-06

I CAN'T HEAR NCS

WHEN PROPAGATION DOES NOT FAVOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OR CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY POOR WITH HIGH STATIC LEVELS, YOU MUST LISTEN ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVELY BEFORE TRANSMITTING.

CALLING THE NET CONTROL REPEATEDLY IS IMPROPER AND DOES NOTHING BUT CAUSE UNWANTED INTERFERENCE. WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE A CLEAR CHANNEL AND HEAR A STRONG STATION. PAUSE, LISTEN, THEN CHECK IN USING THE CALL SIGN OF THE SCHEDULED NCS, UNKEY TO ENSURE THE FREQUENCY IS STILL CLEAR, THEN SAY "THIS IS" FOLLOWED BY YOUR CALL SIGN (IN PHONETICS) AND YOUR TRAFFIC STATUS OR SAY "NO TRAFFIC" AND CONCLUDE WITH "OVER".

WAIT TO GIVE ANY STATION THAT DOES COPY YOUR STATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO RELAY YOUR CHECK IN TO THE NET CONTROL STATION BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO CHECK IN AGAIN. WHEN YOU ARE CHECKED INTO THE NET THE NCS WILL THEN DIRECT THAT RELAYING STATION TO CONFIRM YOUR CHECK IN.

THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME, ESPECIALLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NET; BUT, WILL EVENTUALLY GET YOUR STATION CHECKED IN TO THE NET UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS AND CAUSE MINIMUMAL DISRUPTION TO THE NET.

REMEMBER THAT IT IS NOT IMPERATIVE THAT YOU GET CHECKED IN TO THE NET IMMEDIATELY WHEN YOU START MONITORING. NET PARTICIPATION IS REPORTED IN QUARTER HOUR INCREMENTS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT QUARTER HOUR. GETTING CHECKED IN TO THE NET IMMEDIATELY WILL GENERALLY NOT GAIN YOU ANY EXTRA PARTICIPATION CREDIT

PATIENCE IS THE VIRTUE OF ALL GOOD RADIO OPERATORS.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

ARE THERE ANY REQUESTS FOR FILLS? OVER