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1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with Part 15, Subpart C of the FCC’s Code of Federal Regulations for the addition of the following antennas to the original certification of the DPAC Technologies Airborne WLN-B Module model ABDB-AN-DPxxx.

Cirronet 12 dBi Patch Antenna Assembly - Four 3 dBi patch antennas on a PC board phased together, 12dBi gain total.
 PN: A-7030-0485

Centurion MicroBlue 1.5dBi PCB Patch Antenna – Linear polarization with 1.5dBi gain
 PN: CAF94131

1.2 Product Description

1.2.1 General

The Airborne Wireless LAN Node (WLN) Module consists of a fully integrated 802.11 radio and application processor available in two models (see Table 1).

Table 1. Airborne WLN Module Configurations

| Configuration | Description | DPAC Model Number |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Airborne 802.11b Wireless LAN Node Module – UART Version | Module with UART firmware and UART interface | WLN-B-AN-DP101 |
| Airborne 802.11b Wireless LAN Node Module – SPI Version | Module with SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) firmware and SPI interface | WLN-B-AN-DP102 |

1.2.2 Modifications for Compliance

No modifications were made to the EUT for the purpose of compliance.

2.0 TEST FACILITIES

2.1 Location

The radiated and conducted emissions test sites are located at the following address:

Advanced Compliance Solutions
5015 B.U. Bowman Drive
Buford, GA 30518
Phone: (770) 831-8048
Fax: (770) 831-8598

2.2 Laboratory Accreditations/Recognitions/Certifications

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site, Open Area Test Site (OATS) and Conducted Emissions Site have been fully described, submitted to, and accepted by the FCC, Industry Canada and the Japanese Voluntary Control Council for Interference by information technology equipment. In addition, ACS is compliant to ISO 17025 as certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology under their National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. The following certification numbers have been issued in recognition of these accreditations and certifications:

FCC Registration Number: 89450

Industry Canada Lab Code: IC 4175

VCCI Member Number: 1831

- VCCI OATS Registration Number R-1526
- VCCI Conducted Emissions Site Registration Number: C-1608

NVLAP Lab Code: 200612

2.3 Radiated Emissions Test Site Description

2.3.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site consists of a 20' x 30' x 18' shielded enclosure. The chamber is lined with Toyo Ferrite Grid Absorber, model number FFG-1000. The ferrite tile grid is 101 x 101 x 19mm thick and weighs approximately 550 grams. These tiles are mounted on steel panels and installed directly on the inner walls of the chamber.

The turntable is 150cm in diameter and is located 160cm from the back wall of the chamber. The chamber is grounded via 1 - 8' copper ground rod, installed at the center of the back wall, it is bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is all steel, flush mounted table installed in an all steel frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 25' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Behind the turntable is a 3' x 6' x 4' deep shielded pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 1 - 4" PVC chases from the turntable to the pit that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit.

A diagram of the Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-1 below:

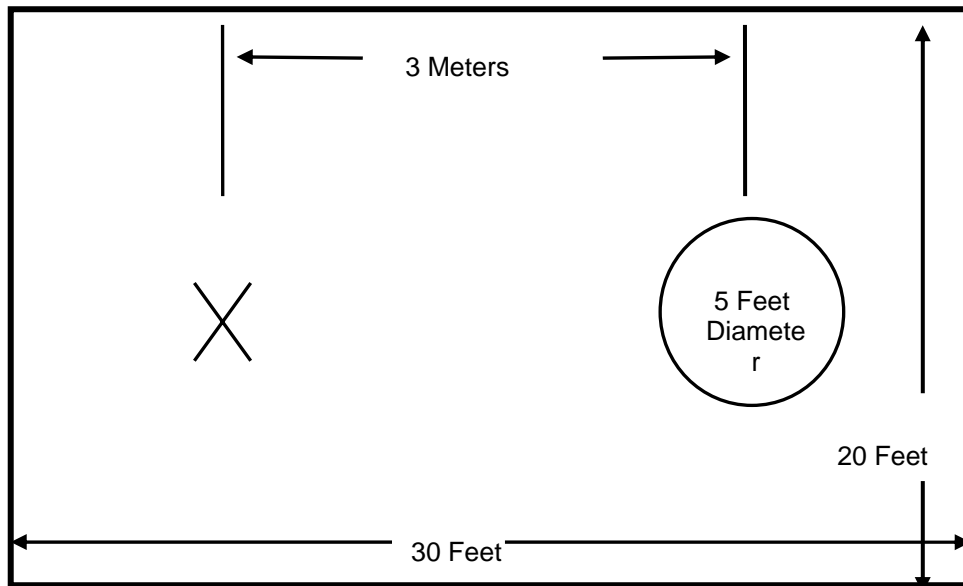


Figure 2.3-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

2.3.2 Open Area Tests Site (OATS)

The open area test site consists of a 40' x 66' concrete pad covered with a perforated electro-plated galvanized sheet metal. The perforations in the sheet metal are 1/8" holes that are staggered every 3/16". The individual sheets are placed to overlap each other by 1/4" and are riveted together to provide a continuous seam. Rivets are spaced every 3" in a 3 x 20 meter perimeter around the antenna mast and EUT area. Rivets in the remaining area are spaced as necessary to properly secure the ground plane and maintain the electrical continuity.

The entire ground plane extends 12' beyond the turntable edge and 16' beyond the antenna mast when set to a 10 meter measurement distance. The ground plane is grounded via 4 - 8' copper ground rods, each installed at a corner of the ground plane and bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is an all aluminum 10' flush mounted table installed in an all aluminum frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 40' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Adjacent to the turntable is a 7' x 7' square and 4' deep concrete pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 5 - 4" PVC chases from the pit to the control room that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit. The pit is covered with 2 sheets of 1/4" diamond style re-enforced steel sheets. The sheets are painted to match the perforated steel ground plane; however the underside edges have been masked off to maintain the electrical continuity of the ground plane. All reflecting objects are located outside of the ellipse defined in ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the Open Area Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-2 below:

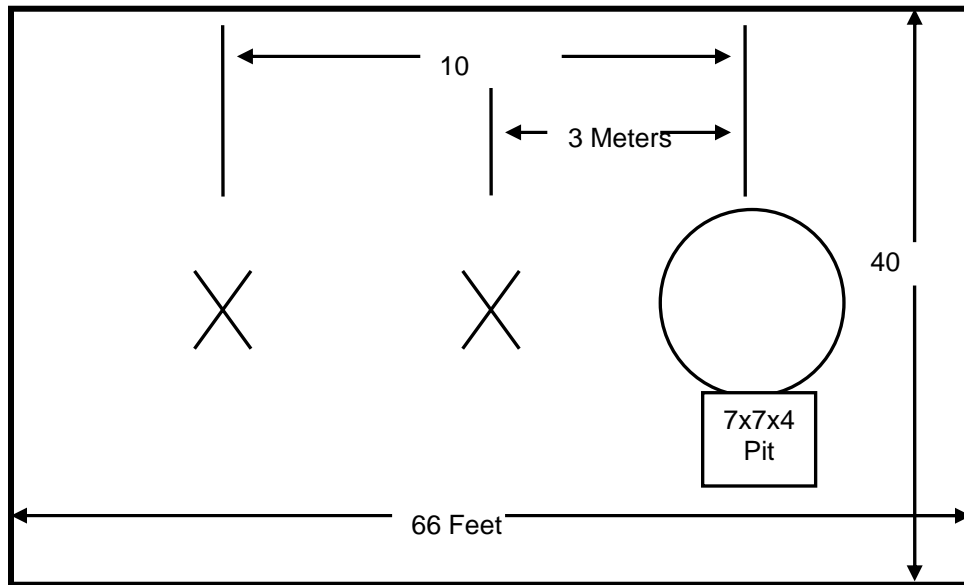


Figure 2.3-2: Open Area Test Site

2.4 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The AC mains conducted EMI site is a shielded room with the following dimensions:

- Height: 3.0 Meters
- Width: 3.6 Meters
- Length: 4.9 Meters

The room is manufactured by Rayproof Corporation and installed by Panashield, Inc. Earth ground is provided to the room via an 8' copper ground rod. Each panel of the room is connected electrically at intervals of 4".

Power to the room is filtered to prevent ambient noise from coupling to the EUT and measurement equipment. Filters are models 1B42-60P manufactured by Rayproof Corporation.

The room is of sufficient size to test table top and floor standing equipment in accordance with section 6.1.4 of ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the room is shown below in figure 2.4-1:

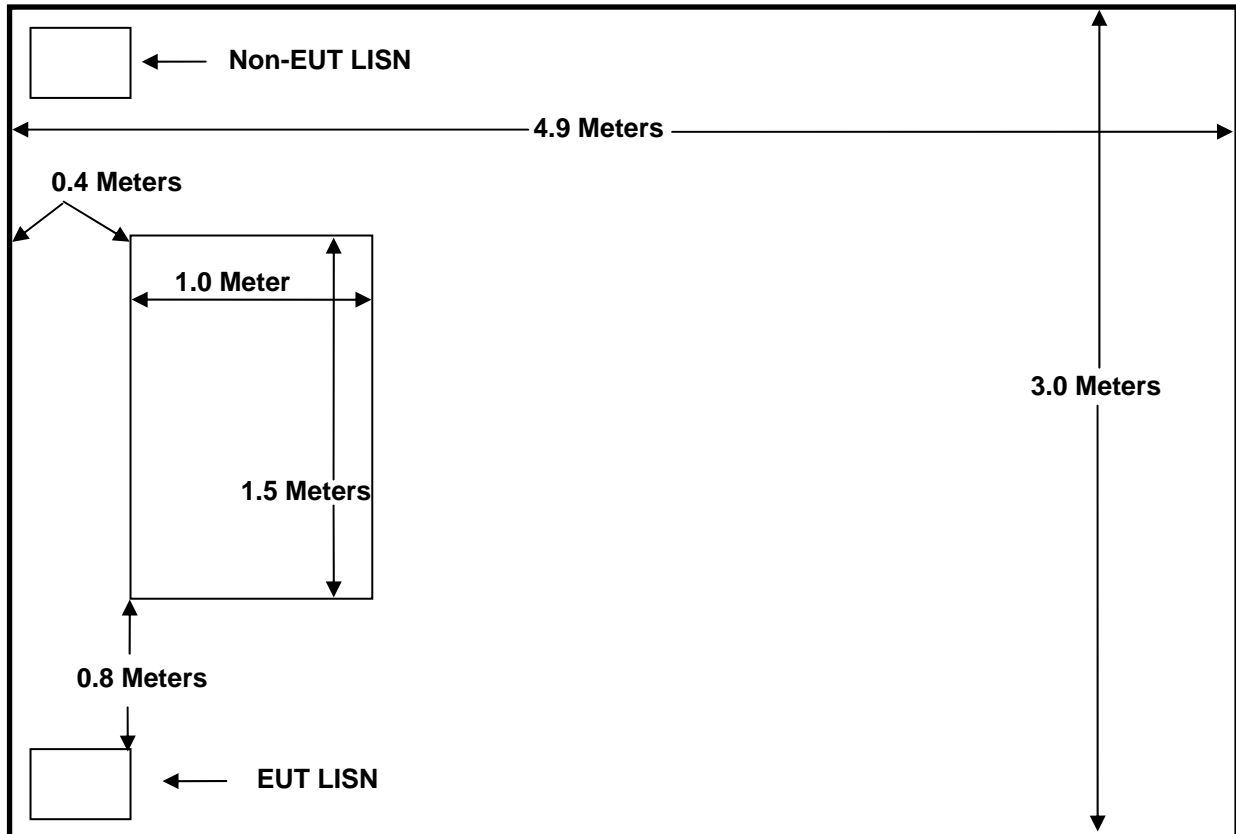


Figure 2.4-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3.0 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- 1 - ANSI C63.4: Method of Measurements of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical And Electronic Equipment in the 9 KHz to 40GHz
- 2 - US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators
- 3 - FCC OET Bulletin 65 Appendix C - Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields

4.0 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

All test equipment used for regulatory testing is calibrated yearly or according to manufacturer's specifications.

Table 4.0-1: Test Equipment

| Equipment Calibration Information | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| ACS# | Mfg. | Eq. type | Model | S/N | Cal. Due |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 | Chase | Bi-Log Antenna | CBL6111 | 1043 | 5/23/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 041 | ElectroMetrics | Bi-Con Antenna | BIA-25 | 2925 | 5/25/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 090 | ElectroMetrics | LPA Antenna | LPA-25 | 1476 | 5/27/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 78 | EMCO | Loop Antenna | 6502 | 9104-2608 | 1/12/2006 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 152 | EMCO | LISN | 3825/2 | 9111-1905 | 1/18/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 153 | EMCO | LISN | 3825/2 | 9411-2268 | 12/5/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 193 | ACS | OATS Cable Set | RG8 | 193 | 1/07/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 225 | Andrew | OATS RF cable | Heliax | 225 | 1/06/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 165 | ACS | Conducted EMI Cable Set | RG8 | 165 | 1/06/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22 | Agilent | Pre-Amplifier | 8449B | 3008A00526 | 5/06/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 73 | Agilent | Pre-Amplifier | 8447D | 272A05624 | 5/18/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 | Spectrum Technologies | Horn Antenna | DRH-0118 | 970102 | 5/09/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 209 | Microwave Circuits | High Pass Filter | H3G020G2 | 4382-01 DC0421 | 9/20/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Rohde & Schwarz | Receiver Display | 804.8932.52 | 833771/007 | 3/07/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Rohde & Schwarz | ESMI Receiver | 1032.5640.53 | 839587/003 | 3/07/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Rohde & Schwarz | Receiver Display | 804.8932.52 | 839379/011 | 11/02/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Rohde & Schwarz | ESMI Receiver | 1032.5640.53 | 833827/003 | 11/02/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> --- | Agilent | Spectrum Analyzer | E7405A | US39110103 | 6/6/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 213 | Test Equipment Corp. | Pre-Amplifier | PA-102 | 44927 | 6/29/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 211 | Eagle | Band Reject Filter | C7RFM3NFNM | n/a | 1/06/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 204 | ACS | Cable | RG8 | 204 | 3/16/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | Harbour Industries | HF RF Cable | LL-335 | 00006 | 3/16/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 | Harbour Industries | HF RF Cable | LL-335 | 00007 | 3/16/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 208 | Harbour Industries | HF RF Cable | LL142 | 00208 | 6/24/06 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 167 | ACS | Chamber EMI Cable Set | RG6 | 167 | 12/29/05 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 204 | ACS | Chamber EMI RF cable | RG8 | 204 | 1/07/06 |

5.0 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

| Item | Manufacturer | Equipment Type | Model Number | Serial Number | FCC ID |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | DPAC Technologies | WLN Test Extender | 19D0725-01 Rev.xi | NA | NA |
| 2 | Cinco Electronics Co, Ltd. | Power Adaptor | TR513-1A | NA | NA |
| 3 | Acer | Laptop Computer | 730 | 9149C01NC511200039M | NA |
| 4 | Lite-on Electronics, Inc. | Power Adaptor | PA-1600-02 | NA | NA |

Table 5-3: Support Equipment

6.0 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP AND BLOCK DIAGRAM

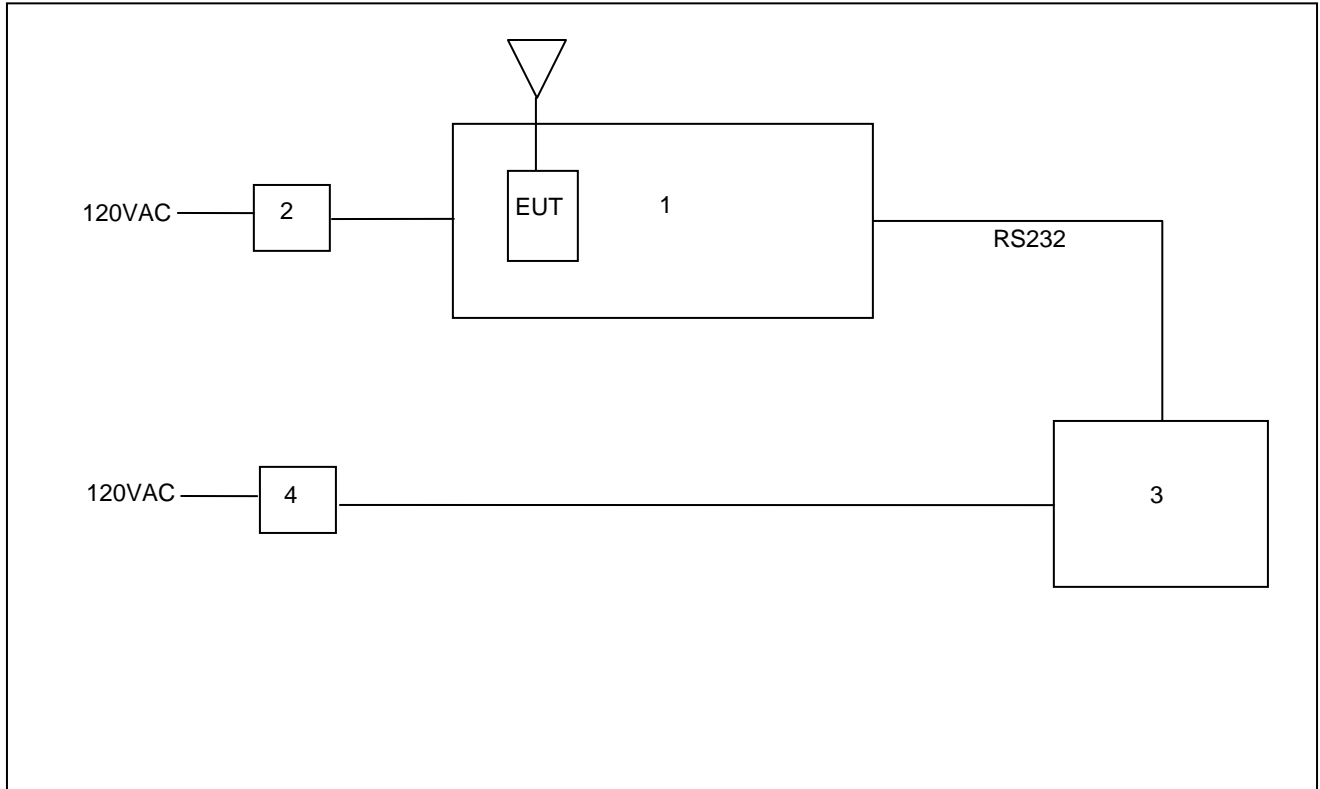


Figure 6.0-1: EUT Test Setup

7.0 SUMMARY OF TESTS

Along with the tabular data shown below, plots were taken of all signals deemed important enough to document.

7.1 Radiated Spurious Emissions - FCC Section 15.205

7.1.1 Test Methodology

Radiated emissions tests were made over the frequency range of 30MHz to 25GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency.

The EUT was rotated through 360° and the receive antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. For frequencies below 1000MHz, quasi-peak measurements were made using a resolution bandwidth (RBW) of 120kHz and a video bandwidth (VBW) of 300kHz. For frequencies above 1000MHz, average measurements were made using an RBW of 1MHz and a VBW of 10Hz and peak measurements were made with RBW of 1MHz and a VBW of 1MHz.

The Cirronet 12dBi patch antenna was tested vertically polarized as it will be installed in final configuration. Due to the possible orientations of the Centurion 1.5dBi Patch antenna during installation, the antenna was positioned in three orthogonal axes to determine the maximum radiated emission levels. See the test setup photograph.

Low, middle, and high channels within the transmitter frequency range were tested and the data presented below.

7.1.2 Test Results – Cirronet 12dBi Patch Antenna

Radiated spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 25GHz are reported in Table 7.1.2-1. Each emission found to be in a restricted band as defined by section 15.205, was compared to the radiated emission limits for as defined in section 15.209.

Table 7.1.2-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions

| Frequency (MHz) | Level (dBuV) | | Antenna Polarity (H/V) | Correction Factors (dB) | Corrected Level (dBuV/m) | | Limit (dBuV/m) | | Margin (dB) | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-------|
| | pk | avg | | | pk | avg | pk | avg | pk | avg |
| Spurious Emissions | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4824 | 41.78 | 29.06 | H | 12.38 | 54.16 | 41.44 | 74 | 54 | 19.84 | 12.56 |
| 4824 | 43.08 | 31.75 | V | 12.38 | 55.46 | 44.13 | 74 | 54 | 18.54 | 9.87 |
| 4880 | 41.56 | 27.77 | H | 12.57 | 54.13 | 40.34 | 74 | 54 | 19.87 | 13.66 |
| 4880 | 42.57 | 35.26 | V | 12.57 | 55.14 | 47.83 | 74 | 54 | 18.86 | 6.17 |
| 4924 | 41.68 | 28.76 | H | 12.72 | 54.40 | 41.48 | 74 | 54 | 19.60 | 12.52 |
| 4924 | 44.45 | 37.80 | V | 12.72 | 57.17 | 50.52 | 74 | 54 | 16.83 | 3.48 |

Note: Emissions not reported were below the noise floor of the measurement equipment.

7.1.3 Test Results – Centurion 1.5dBi PCB Patch Antenna

Radiated spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 25GHz are reported in Table 7.1.3-1. Each emission found to be in a restricted band as defined by section 15.205, was compared to the radiated emission limits for as defined in section 15.209.

Table 7.1.3-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions

| Frequency (MHz) | Level (dBuV) | | Antenna Polarity (H/V) | Correction Factors (dB) | Corrected Level (dBuV/m) | | Limit (dBuV/m) | | Margin (dB) | | Orientation (xyz) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-------|----------------------|
| | pk | avg | | | pk | avg | pk | avg | pk | avg | |
| Spurious Emissions | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4824 | 44.98 | 39.90 | H | 12.38 | 47.82 | 42.74 | 74 | 54 | 26.18 | 11.26 | x |
| 4824 | 44.37 | 40.10 | V | 12.38 | 47.21 | 42.94 | 74 | 54 | 26.79 | 11.06 | x |
| 4824 | 44.98 | 41.60 | H | 12.38 | 47.82 | 44.44 | 74 | 54 | 26.18 | 9.56 | y |
| 4824 | 42.92 | 38.17 | V | 12.38 | 45.76 | 41.01 | 74 | 54 | 28.24 | 12.99 | y |
| 4824 | 44.95 | 39.62 | H | 12.38 | 47.79 | 42.46 | 74 | 54 | 26.21 | 11.54 | z |
| 4824 | 43.23 | 37.18 | V | 12.38 | 46.07 | 40.02 | 74 | 54 | 27.93 | 13.98 | z |
| 4874 | 43.99 | 37.97 | H | 12.55 | 47.00 | 40.98 | 74 | 54 | 27.00 | 13.02 | x |
| 4874 | 43.28 | 38.45 | V | 12.55 | 46.29 | 41.46 | 74 | 54 | 27.71 | 12.54 | x |
| 4874 | 42.77 | 34.49 | H | 12.55 | 45.78 | 37.50 | 74 | 54 | 28.22 | 16.50 | y |
| 4874 | 41.80 | 34.08 | V | 12.55 | 44.81 | 37.09 | 74 | 54 | 29.19 | 16.91 | y |
| 4874 | 44.19 | 38.53 | H | 12.55 | 47.20 | 41.54 | 74 | 54 | 26.80 | 12.46 | z |
| 4874 | 42.31 | 34.54 | V | 12.55 | 45.32 | 37.55 | 74 | 54 | 28.68 | 16.45 | z |
| 4924 | 45.21 | 41.14 | H | 12.72 | 48.39 | 44.32 | 74 | 54 | 25.61 | 9.68 | x |
| 4924 | 43.35 | 36.55 | V | 12.72 | 46.53 | 39.73 | 74 | 54 | 27.47 | 14.27 | x |
| 4924 | 44.34 | 38.86 | H | 12.72 | 47.52 | 42.04 | 74 | 54 | 26.48 | 11.96 | y |
| 4924 | 43.23 | 38.35 | V | 12.72 | 46.41 | 41.53 | 74 | 54 | 27.59 | 12.47 | y |
| 4924 | 45.26 | 40.89 | H | 12.72 | 48.44 | 44.07 | 74 | 54 | 25.56 | 9.93 | z |
| 4924 | 43.33 | 37.36 | V | 12.72 | 46.51 | 40.54 | 74 | 54 | 27.49 | 13.46 | z |

Note: x = foot, y = side, z = back

Note: Emissions not reported were below the noise floor of the measurement equipment.

7.1.4 Sample Calculations

$$R_C = R_U + CF_T$$

Where:

- CF_T = Total Correction Factor (AF+CA+AG)-DC(Average Measurements Only)
- R_U = Uncorrected Reading
- R_C = Corrected Level
- AF = Antenna Factor
- CA = Cable Attenuation
- AG = Amplifier Gain
- DC = Duty Cycle Correction Factor (If applicable)

Note: A Duty Cycle Correction Factor for this EUT was not needed to show compliance and therefore not included.

Example Calculation: Peak

$$\text{Corrected Level: } 41.78 + 12.38 = 54.16 \text{ dBuV/m}$$

$$\text{Margin: } 74\text{dBuV/m} - 54.16 \text{ dBuV/m} = 19.84 \text{ dB}$$

Example Calculation: Average

$$\text{Corrected Level: } 29.06 + 12.38 = 41.44 \text{ dBuV/m}$$

$$\text{Margin: } 54\text{dBuV/m} - 41.44 \text{ dBuV/m} = 12.56 \text{ dB}$$

8.0 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc. the Airborne WLN-B Module model ABDB-AN-DPxxx manufactured by DPAC Technologies, meets the relevant requirements of the FCC Parts 2 and 15, for the antennas outlined in this report.