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PRELIMINARY CURB ON BROADCAST AUTHORIZATIONS

At the request of the Defense Communications Board, pending the adoption of a specific policy by that Board and the War Productions Board with respect to curtailing standard broadcast construction to meet materials requirements by the military, the Federal Communications Commission will make no further grants for the construction of new standard broadcast stations or authorize changes in existing standard broadcast transmitting facilities where all or a substantial part of the primary area in either category already receives good primary coverage from one or more other stations.

In general the Federal Communications Commission's Standards of Good Engineering Practice will be used as a guide in the determination of good primary service.

National defense requires that there be adequate broadcast facilities but this does not alter the fact that every economy in the use of critical materials for securing and maintaining these facilities must be practiced to the end that there will be the greatest possible saving in materials. Today's announcement concerns standard broadcast facilities only. It is understood that the Defense Communications Board is proceeding with studies looking toward the conservation of materials in all other radio services and will submit recommendations at the earliest practicable date.