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| **1** | Guidelines | 117, 138, 142, 146, 156, 373, 380, 394, 420, 521, 522, 533, 535, 537, 540, 545, 827, 831, 854, 859 | Editorial | The term *transmitted* could easily be confused with incident because of the common usage of transmitted to mean energy from the source, i.e. transmitter.  Replace transmitted with absorbed. Line 138 indicates transmitted power density is the power absorbed per unit area. Stick with the usage of absorbed.  Also replace Htr and Str with an alternate such as Habs and Sabs.  Readability |
| **2** | Guidelines | 145, 156, 420, 533, 537, 720, 725, 726, 734, 854, 859 | Editorial | Transmitted energy density (Htr) and incident plane wave energy density (Hinc) are new terms to exposure guideliens and should be rethought and possibly repalced.  These terms are time averaged power density and could be easily be represented by that terminology.  For a reference level Hinc is challenging as it will only be assessed by measureing and averaging Seq. There is no mechanism to measure Hinc directly.  Also it is cofusing to have two important terms represented by the letter H.  A simple method could be applied that indicates that the time averaged power density is the restriction unit and the notation of a macron could be used:.  Appropriate modifications to the formulas in table 3 and 6 would have to be made to accommodate this change.  As a practitioner of RF exposure assessment it would be good to have terms that are measurable and don’t expand the nomenclature without adding value. |
| **3** | Appendix A | 98-100 | Editorial | Seq is not well defined. Modifying the follwoing in Appendix A could resolve this...  Sinc = EH  As it is typical to measure only the E or H field, the equivalent incident power density is defined as;  Seq = E2/Zo = H2Zo  where 𝑍0 is the characteristic impedance of free space, i.e., 377 Ω.  Explanation of an under-defined term. |
| **4** | Guidelines | 645-646 | Editorial | Diameter is not the general term, only being appripriate for circular aperture antennas. In most instances this equation uses the term dimension.  D and **λ** refer to maximum antenna dimension and wavelength respectively,  Common usage and more general application |
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