

This is to inform you that we will be releasing an update to CASM NextGen on June 1, 2014. This update will include the following new functions and enhancement. The enhancement WILL CHANGE YOUR DATA, specifically the national and state interoperability channels.

- New Coverage Plot function: the ability to generate a coverage plot for a Transceiver and view it on the map in a new Radio Systems Layer.
- New Metrics Dashboard function: the ability to view metrics (i.e., counts) on specific items maintained in CASM.
- Enhanced Interoperability Channel support: this is to improve the support for national and state interoperability channels, to correct existing issues and prevent duplication.

CHANGES TO YOUR DATASET, specific to Interoperability Channels:

If you defined the use of a national interoperability (NIFIG) channel and used the specific NIFOG channel name (e.g., 8CALL90, VTAC11), we are enforcing the frequency pair and tones for that channel and will be updating your CASM data accordingly - we are reserving the NIFOG channel name to only be used with the correct national frequency pair/tones. We will correct the many errors in channel definitions (e.g., flip-flopped Tx/Rx frequencies, incorrect tones).

We will be removing the NIFOG channels from inclusion in your State Interop Channel Group. We want to eliminate users from selecting NIFOG channels from multiple places (e.g., NIFOG and State Interop Channel Group).

We will be creating a state agency (e.g., "CA State Agency") and a state Radio System (e.g., "CA State Radio System" owned by the state agency) in order to define the NIFOG and State Interop Channel Group channel on that Radio System and define the infrastructure associated (e.g., Towers, Antennas, Transceivers for those channels). This will preserve the infrastructure for your state's use of NIFOG and State Interop Channel Group channels and make those channels selectable by reference only.