

## Just Released: The "Emergency" Cease and Desist Order Sent to Verizon Regarding Their Cell Tower



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#### EMERGENCY ORDER

**REQUIRING THAT PITTSFIELD CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, AND FARLEY WHITE SOUTH STREET, LLC, SHOW CAUSE WHY THE PITTSFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH SHOULD NOT ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ABATING A NUISANCE AT 877 SOUTH STREET ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF A VERIZON WIRELESS CELL TOWER THEREON AND CONSTITUTING IMMEDIATE ORDER OF DISCONTINUANCE AND ABATEMENT IF NO HEARING IS REQUESTED**

Pursuant to, *inter alia*, MGL 111 ss 122-125, 127-127I, 130, 143-144, 146-150, and State Sanitary Code 410.750, 410.831-832, 410.850-.960, the Board of Health deems the following actions necessary to protect the public health in the City of Pittsfield, State of Massachusetts.

**Whereas**, Verizon Wireless has constructed and operates a wireless telecommunications facility, a cell tower (the "facility"), located at 877 South Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on property Verizon Wireless leases from owner Farley White South Street LLC. The Verizon Wireless facility was activated in August, 2020, and has been operating continuously since that date.

**Whereas**, soon after the facility was activated and began transmitting, the City started to receive reports of illness and negative health symptoms from residents living nearby the facility, and in particular, from residents living in the so-called "Shacktown" neighborhood. The negative health symptoms the affected residents have reported include complaints of headaches, sleep problems, heart palpitations, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), dizziness, nausea, skin rashes, and memory and cognitive problems, among other medical complaints.

**Whereas**, as further documented below, the neurological and dermatological symptoms experienced by the residents are consistent with those described in the peer-reviewed scientific and medical literature as being associated with exposure to pulsed and modulated Radio Frequency ("RF") radiation, including RF from cell towers.



## An "Emergency" Cease and Desist Order Sent to Verizon

The Pittsfield Massachusetts City Board of Health sent a Emergency "Cease & Desist" order to Verizon "to protect the public health" after over a year of research investigating the numerous reports of physical health issues by families living in the neighborhood near the tower after the tower became operational in 2020. The order has been received and a copy to be released to the public.

- [Read the Board of Health order here.](#)

- [Watch excerpts from the April 6, 2022 Board of Health Meeting where they voted to send the finalized order.](#)

"The evidence presented to the Board includes well over one thousand peer-reviewed scientific and medical studies which consistently find that pulsed and modulated RFR has bio-effects and can lead to short- and long-term adverse health effects in humans...Credible, independent peer-reviewed scientific and medical studies show profoundly deleterious effects on human health, including but not limited to: neurological and dermatological effects; increased risk of cancer and brain tumors; DNA damage; oxidative stress; immune dysfunction; cognitive processing effects; altered brain development, sleep and memory disturbances, ADHD, abnormal behavior, sperm dysfunction, and damage to the blood-brain barrier."

The Order also details how the Board met with Verizon but the information and testimony provided by Verizon Wireless did not convince them and the Board asserted that the Verizon safety expert lacked qualifications regarding medical issues.

**"Now, therefore, the Pittsfield Board of Health hereby FINDS AND ORDERS as follows:**

**1. The Verizon Wireless 877 South Street wireless facility operated by Verizon Wireless is a public nuisance, a cause of sickness, and a trade which may result in a nuisance or be dangerous to the public health..."**

**Download Emergency Cease and Desist Order Sent to Verizon Here**



EHT will be holding a live event next week on this Emergency Order. Stay tuned.

*We hope you will share this breaking news in your community.*

## **About Environmental Health Trust**

Founded in 2007, Environmental Health Trust, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is a think tank that promotes a healthier environment through research, education and policy. EHT conducts cutting edge research on environmental health hazards and works with communities, health, education professionals and policymakers to understand and mitigate these hazards.

The Environmental Health Trust has worked on the issue of wireless radiation for over a decade submitting thousands of pages of evidence to the FCC in the years leading up to the court's decision. EHT scientists testified in 2009 Senate hearings and 2008 congressional hearing on cell phone radiation- the last ever held. EHT scientists have published numerous studies on the health effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation and organized numerous national and international scientific conferences on the issue. Visit [www.ehtrust.org](http://www.ehtrust.org) for more information.

# **NEWS ALERT**

**Pittsfield, MA Board of Health  
officially issues cease-and-  
desist order calling for Verizon  
to turn off its cell tower after  
residents report medically-  
documented adverse health  
effects from radiation exposure**



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