

The FCC has Failed To Protect The Environment Says Former FCC Attorney



The FCC's Lack of Accountability is Resulting In Environmental Damage

Erica Rosenberg, formerly Assistant Chief of the Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division at the Federal Communications Commission [states](#) the FCC has failed to protect the environment and the public. Since leaving the FCC, she has [documented](#) numerous ways that the FCC has failed to fulfill its mandatory duties related to environmental review regarding telecommunications infrastructure deployment.

Her article entitled “[Environmental Procedures at the FCC: A Case Study in Corporate Capture](#)” published in the journal Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development states:

The result of the FCC’s lack of accountability is cumulative and incalculable environmental damage: views of protected landscapes and historic sites ruined, wetlands filled, endangered species habitat cleared, sacred sites desecrated, burial mounds and archaeological sites disturbed, and fragile underwater environments degraded.

Equally important, citizens and localities are left with little or no voice in siting decisions affecting them and their communities. As wireless technologies continue to proliferate, the impacts will multiply.

Please read and share Erica Rosenberg's blog post entitled [How the FCC Fails to Follow Environmental Laws and Fails the Public](#). In addition, Theodora Scarato Executive Director of EHT [interviewed Erica](#) about the critical environmental issues related to telecommunications deployment which include:

- The FCC ignores major federal actions (MFAs) requiring environmental review,
- The FCC fails to provide adequate notice and opportunities for public comment on projects.
- The FCC fails to make environmental documents, such as radiofrequency (RF) emissions studies, readily accessible to the public.
- The FCC routinely ignores or dismisses public comments so that it authorizes virtually all wireless projects as proposed, regardless of environmental concerns raised.

The [interview with Erica Rosenberg](#) is now online and features a photo montage of cell tower, 5G and small cell installations.

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