

Cellular Mast Emissions Survey: Handois (Jersey)



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Executive Summary

CICRA regularly monitors radiowave emissions from the cellular masts in the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey to ensure the mobile network operators who operate their services from those masts comply with their license obligations in terms of power levels and that the emissions from the sites comply with internationally recognised standards and guidelines regarding Health & Safety limits for the public.

In 2017, CICRA commissioned iWireless Solutions to conduct EM emission surveys at all sites within the two Bailiwicks. The surveys were repeated in 2018 and 2019 for a small selection of sites where changes were made by the operators. This report is for the Handois site located in Jersey.

The Handois site was used by one operator at the time of the 2019 survey: JT J. Surveys were however conducted at all cellular frequency bands (800, 900, 1800, 2100 and 2600MHz) for all mobile cellular technologies (GSM, 3G and 4G) and for all three cellular operators as a routine procedure.

The survey established that the emissions around this site were very low and well below the safety limits for the public advised by internationally recognised standards.

The values shown hereafter are the maximum levels that were recorded around the site following a peak search. In most other locations, the levels were lower. The recorded values are only true at the time of testing and can go up or down depending on the level of user activity on the cell.

The Total Exposure Quotient for the site recorded across all detected cellular frequency bands is given at the bottom of the summary table below. A total Site EQ close to 1 (one) would mean that emissions at the site approach the limit advised by ICNIRP in their guidelines.

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	800	0.127	JT J	306	0.0001311063	1/ 7627
	900	0.8052	JT J	51	0.0001440172	1/ 6944
	1800	0.001415	JT J	41227	0.0000000616	1/ 16241340
	2100	0.001736	Clear J	35138	0.0000000646	1/ 15468068
	2600	0.001689	JT J	36116	0.0000000804	1/ 12432758
Total Site EQ					0.0002753301	1/ 3632

Table 1 - Cumulative Exposure Quotient

The results show that the cumulative EQ was measured at 1/3632 and therefore remains well below the ICNIRP guidelines.

The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel J in red, Sure J in dark blue, and Jersey Telecom J in light blue.

The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived from the measured levels at the site for added clarity.

1. Site Details

1.1 Site Location

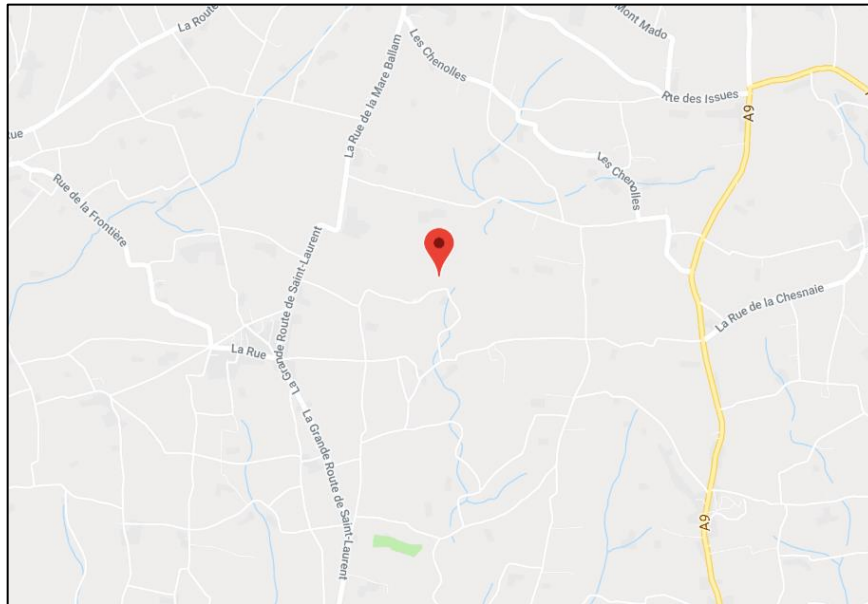


Figure 1 - Map of the Site Area

Site name	Handois
Site address	Ville es Gazeaux, St Lawrence, Jersey
Site Latitude	N 49.230765
Site Longitude	W 02.133770

1.2 Site Description

Operators	JT J
Antenna types	Omni-directional
Approximate height	6m
Site type	Monopole
Description	The antenna at Handois is mounted at the top of a pole and is located on the side of the building. Access is open to the public.

1.3 Site Photo



Figure 2 – Peak Measurement Location

1.4 Test Location

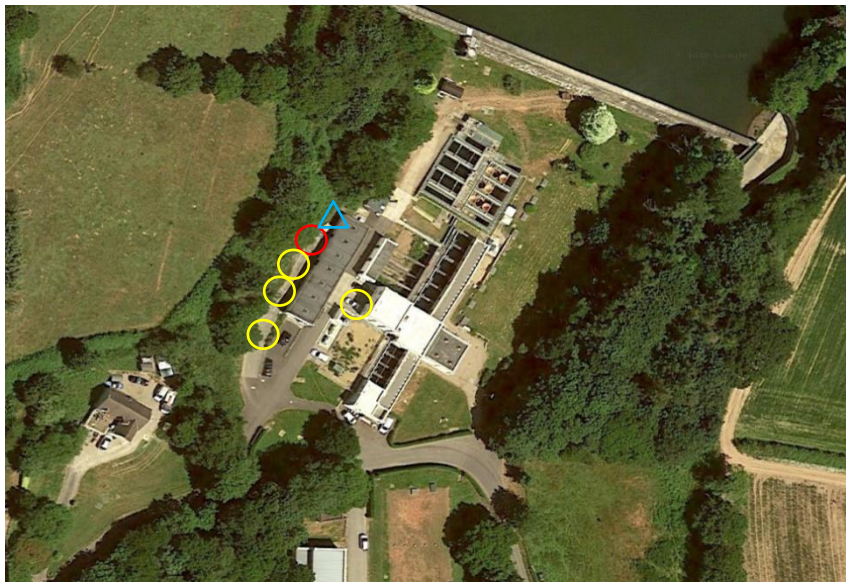


Figure 3- Survey Area with Spot Measurement Markers: The blue triangle is the site location, the yellow circles are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the red circle is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out

As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the site, as shown on the above sketch. The reported spectrum scans were taken at the peak location (shown in red above) where the highest readings were recorded. The spectrum readings reported further down this report were recorded over a period of 6 minutes as advised by ICNIRP.

2. Survey Results

2.1 800 MHz Band

The graph for the 800 MHz activity is shown below with the E-field strength levels measured at the site plotted on a logarithmic scale.

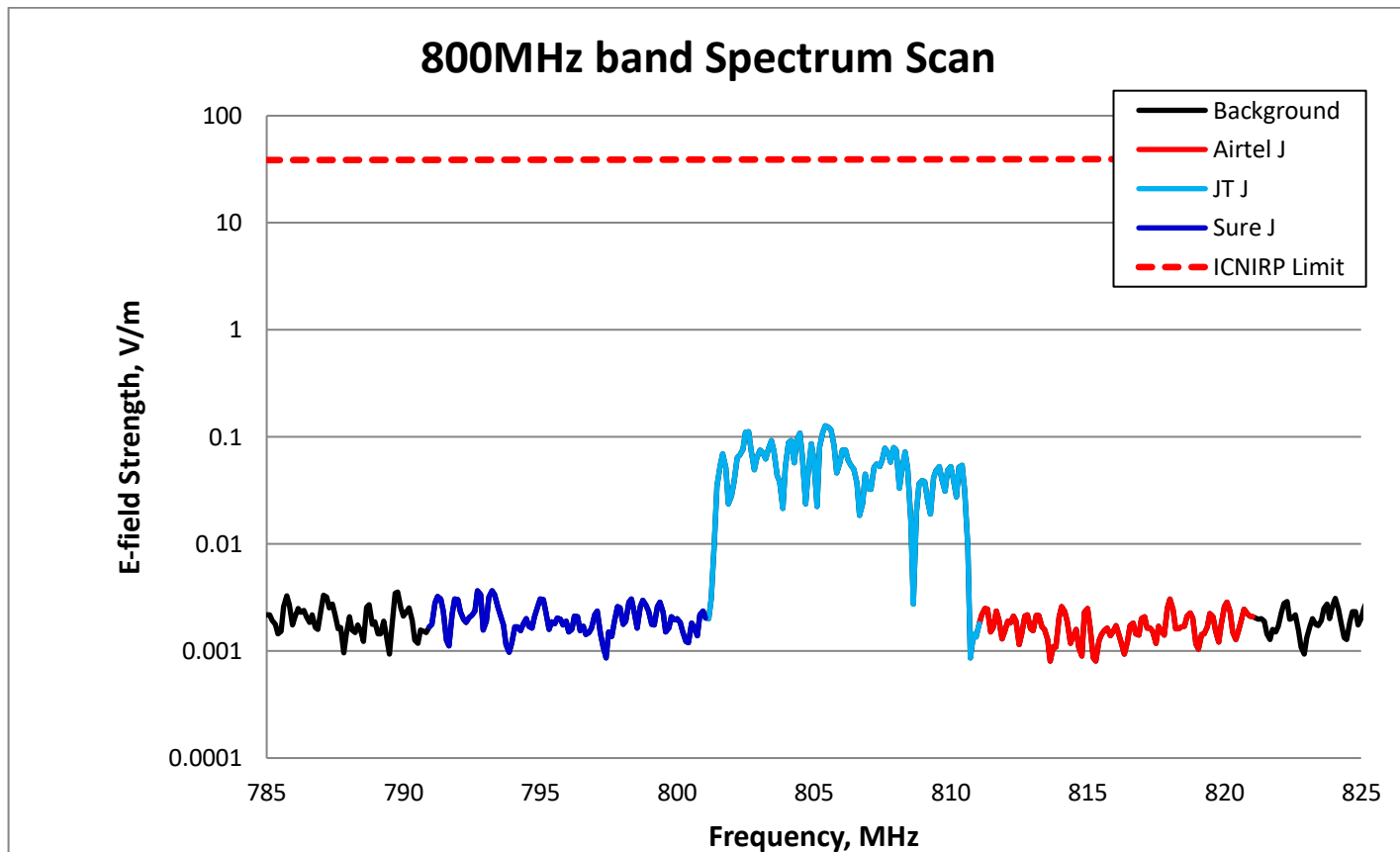


Figure 4 - 800MHz band Spectrum Scan

The red line on the scan represents the Airtel activity, the light blue is JT and the dark blue is Sure. ICNIRP's Reference Level for the General Public is also shown as the straight dashed line at the top of the graph. For clarity, each step on the vertical axis represents a 10-fold increase. The same scaling and colour scheme will be used throughout this report.

No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.127 V/m (JT J), which is 306 times smaller than the ICNIRP Reference level. The Exposure Quotient results for the 800MHz band are shown below:

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Total Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	Airtel J	800	0.003049	12755	0.0001311063	1/ 7627
	JT J		0.127	306		
	Sure J		0.003646	10667		

Table 2– 800MHz band Exposure Quotient at Handois

2.2 900 MHz Band

The graph for the 900 MHz activity is shown below:

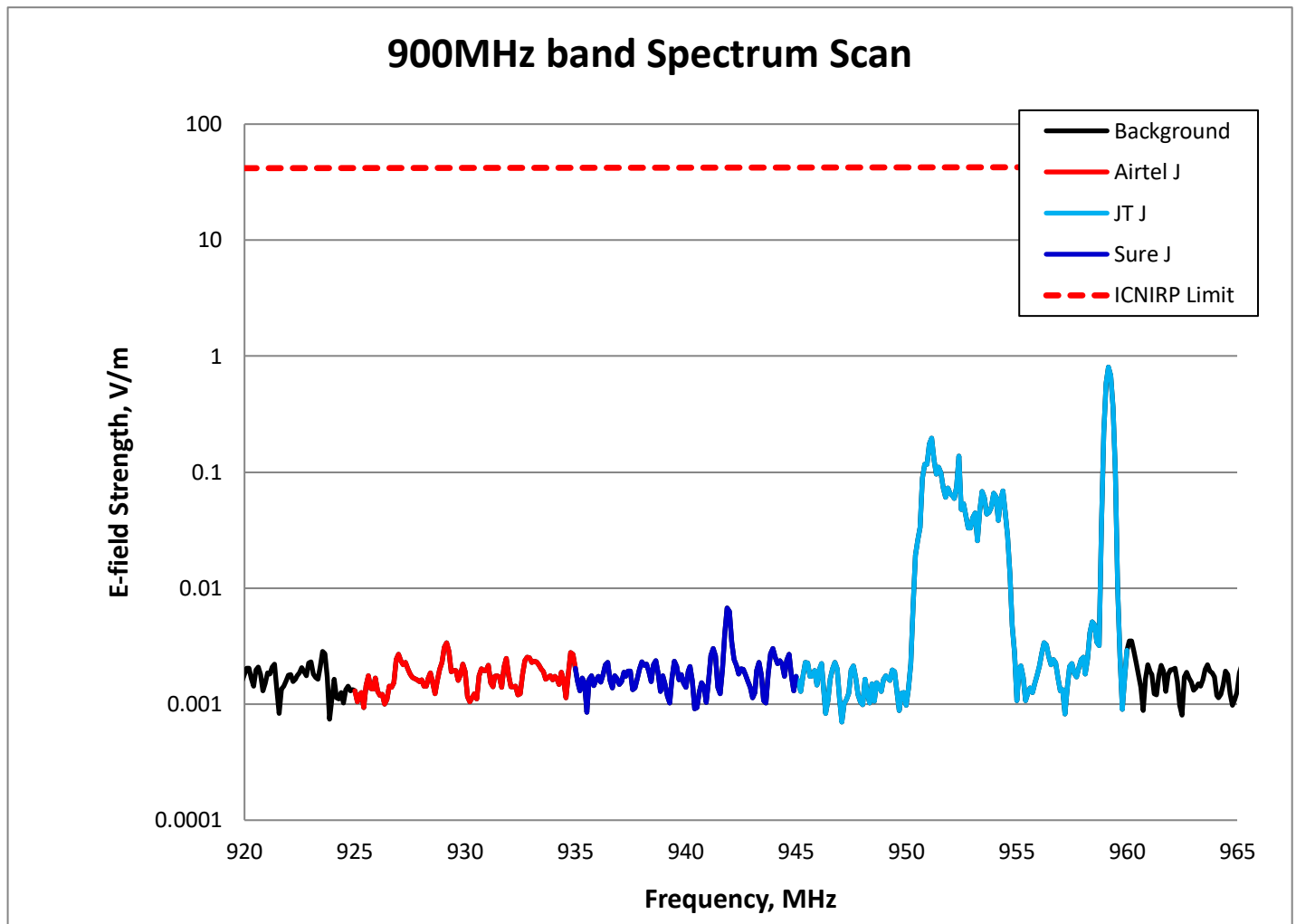


Figure 5 - 900MHz band Spectrum Scan

No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.8052 V/m (JT J), which is 51 times smaller than the ICNIRP Reference level.

The Exposure Quotient results for the 900MHz band are shown below:

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	Airtel J	900	0.003374	12226	0.0001440172	1/ 6944
	JT J		0.8052	51		
	Sure J		0.006728	6131		

Table 3– 900MHz band Exposure Quotient at Handois

2.3 1800 MHz Band

The graph for the 1800 MHz activity around the site is shown below:

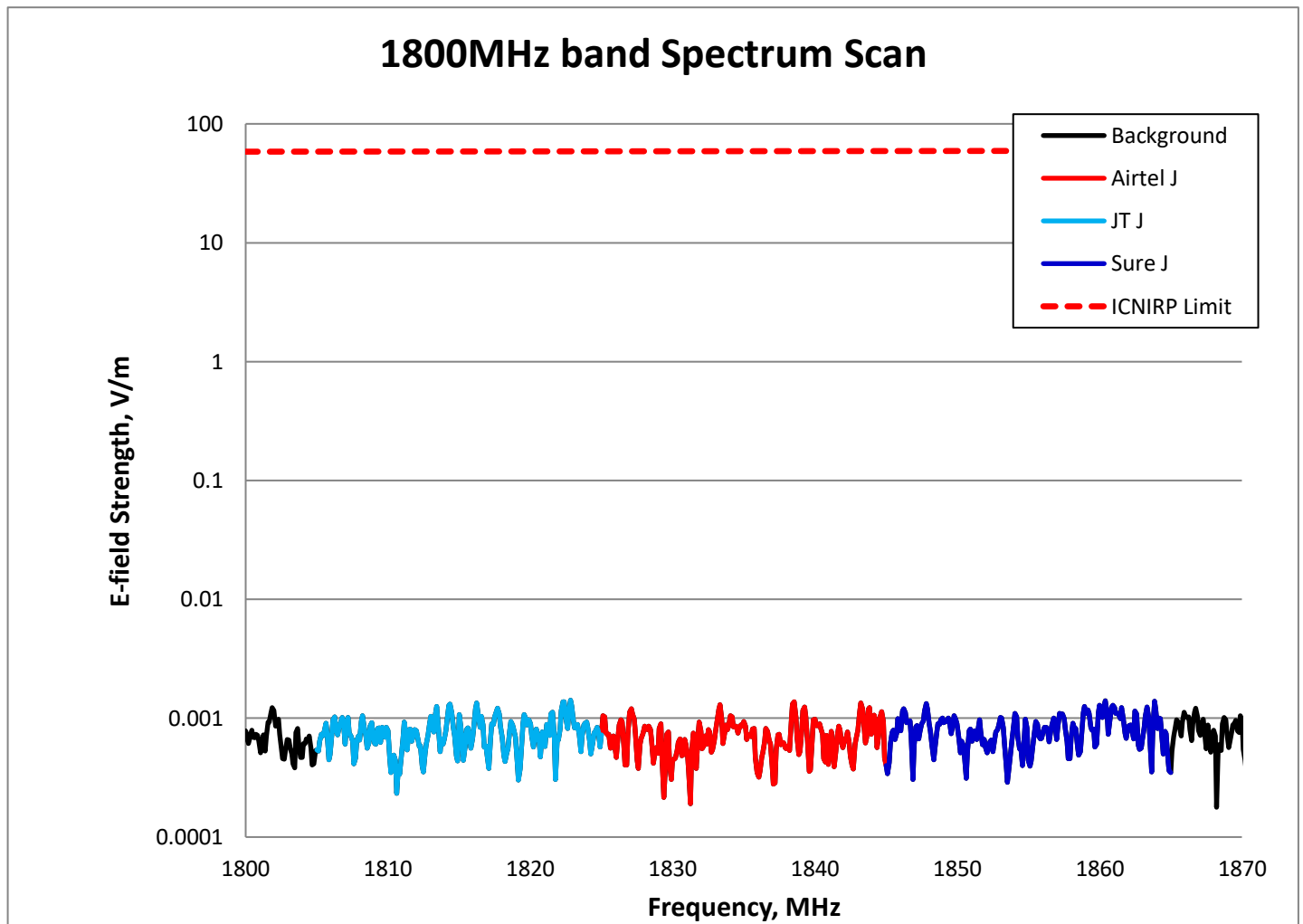


Figure 6 - 1800MHz Spectrum Scan

No activity was recorded in the 1800MHz as no operator appears to transmit in this band at this site.

The Exposure Quotient results for the 1800MHz band are shown below:

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	Airtel J	1800	0.001375	42426	0.0000000616	1/ 16241340
	JT J		0.001415	41227		
	Sure J		0.001396	41788		

Table 4 – 1800MHz band Exposure Quotient at Handois

2.4 2100MHz Band

The graph for the UMTS activity around the site is shown below:

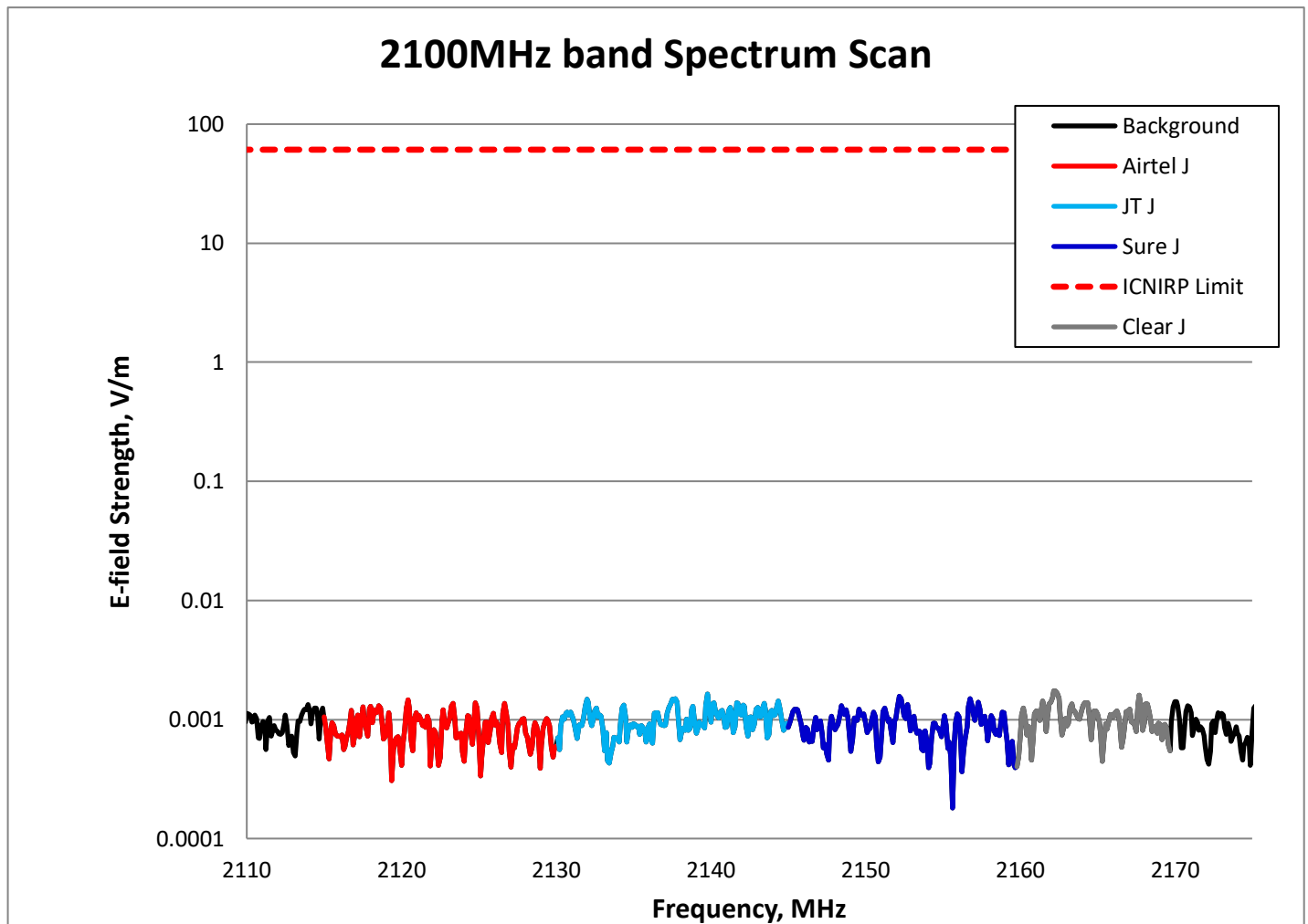


Figure 7 – 2100MHz band Spectrum Scan

No activity was recorded in the 2100MHz as no operator appears to transmit in this band at this site.

The Exposure Quotient results for the 2100MHz band are shown below:

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	Airtel J	2100	0.001463	41695	0.0000000646	1/ 15468068
	Clear J		0.001736	35138		
	JT J		0.001632	37377		
	Sure J		0.001565	38978		

Table 5 – 2100MHz band Exposure Quotient at Handois

2.5 2600MHz band

The graph for the 2600MHz band activity around the site is shown below:

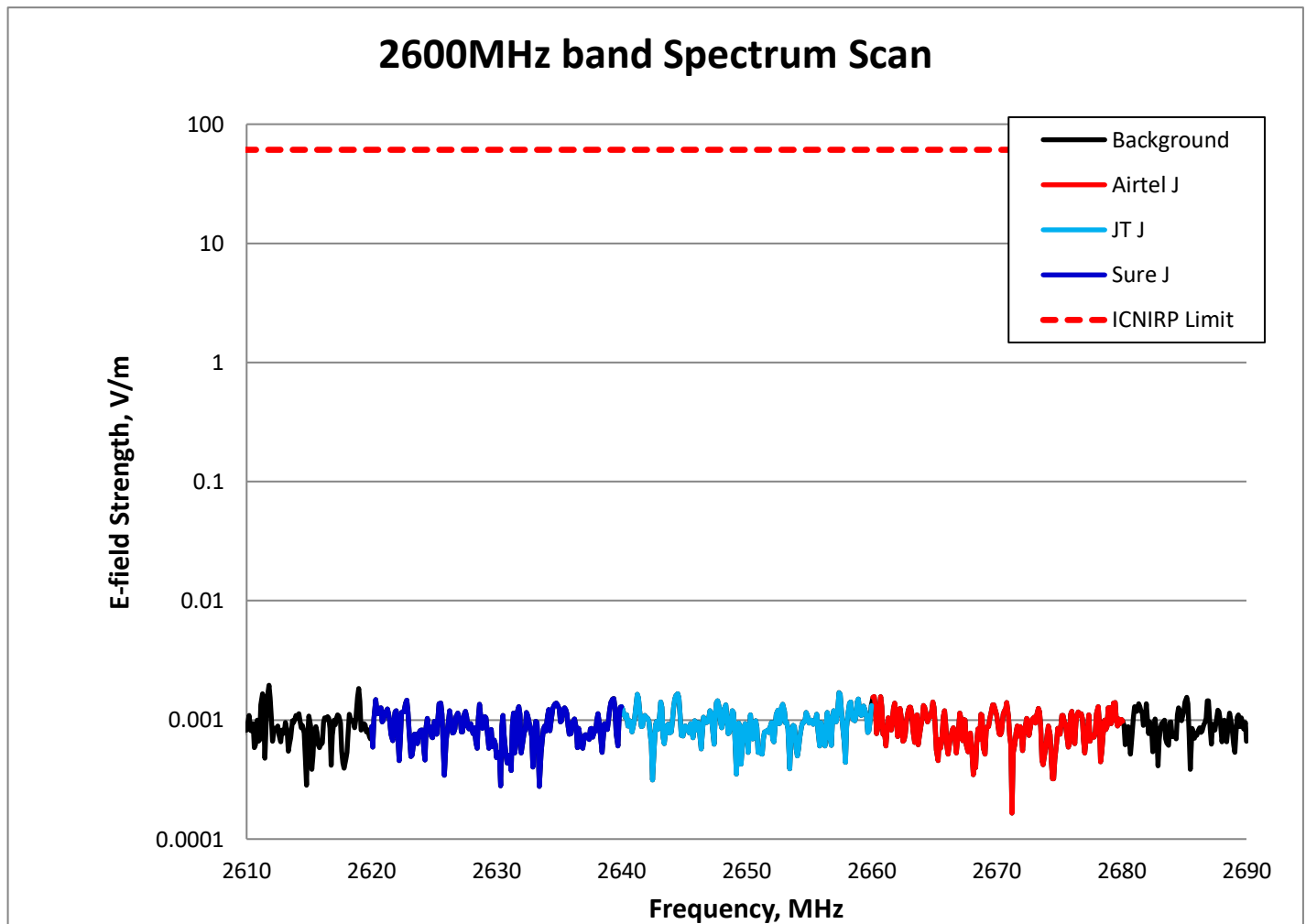


Figure 8 – 2600MHz band Spectrum Scan

No activity was recorded in the 2600MHz as no operator appears to transmit in this band at this site.

The Exposure Quotient results for the 2600MHz band are shown below:

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Handois	Airtel J	2600	0.001572	38804	0.0000000804	1/ 12432758
	JT J		0.001689	36116		
	Sure J		0.001506	40505		

Table 6 – 2600MHz band Exposure Quotient at Handois

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