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In June 1995, the IEEE Standards Board approved the establishment of Standards Coordinating Committee 34 (SCC34), Product Performance Standards Relative to the Safe Use of Electromagnetic Energy. Standards developed by SCC34 do not specify limits for human exposure to electromagnetic fields, but refer to established limits found in science-based standards such as IEEE Std C95.1™-2005, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.

In 2005, SCC 28 and SCC 34 became Technical Committee 95 and Technical Committee 34, respectively, under a new IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee, SCC 39, which is now called ICES.¹

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“Development of standards for the safe use of electromagnetic energy in the range of 0 Hz to 300 GHz relative to the potential hazards of exposure of man, volatile materials, and explosive devices to such energy. It is not intended to include infrared, visible, ultraviolet, or ionizing radiation. The committee will coordinate with other committees whose scopes are contiguous with ICES.”

There are five TC95 subcommittees, each of whose area of responsibility is described as follows in correspondence with its designated subcommittee number:

- 1 Techniques, Procedures, Instrumentation, and Computation
- 2 Terminology, Units of Measurements, and Hazard Communication
- 3 Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure, 0 Hz to 3 kHz
- 4 Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure, 3 kHz to 300 GHz
- 5 Safety Levels with Respect to Electro-Explosive Devices

This standard was prepared by Subcommittee 3 and Subcommittee 4 of TC95 under a Specific Agreement between NATO Standardization Agency (NSA) and IEEE in accordance with a Technical Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between NSA and IEEE. TC95 has issued four standards, four recommended practices, and one guide. Present versions are as follows:

- IEEE Std C95.1™-2005, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- IEEE Std C95.1-2345™-2014, IEEE Standard for Military Workplaces—Force Health Protection Regarding Personnel Exposure to Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields, 0 Hz to 300 GHz.

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- IEEE Std C95.2™-1999 (R2005), IEEE Standard for Radio-Frequency Energy and Current-Flow Symbols.
- IEEE Std C95.3™-2002 (R2008), Recommended Practice for Measurements and Computations of Electric, Magnetic and Electromagnetic Fields With Respect to Human Exposure to Such Fields, 100 kHz-300 GHz.
- IEEE Std C95.3.1™-2010, IEEE Recommended Practice for Measurements and Computations of Electric, Magnetic and Electromagnetic Fields with Respect to Human Exposure to Such Fields, 0 Hz to 100 kHz.
- IEEE Std C95.4™-2002 (R2008), IEEE Recommended Practice for Determining Safe Distances from Radio Frequency Transmitting Antennas When Using Electric Blasting Caps During Explosive Operations.
- IEEE Std C95.6™-2002 (R2007), IEEE Standard for Safety Levels With Respect to Human Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields, 0-3 kHz.
- IEEE Std C95.7™-2005, IEEE Recommended Practice for Radio Frequency Safety Programs, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- IEEE Std 1460™-1996, (R2008), IEEE Guide for the Measurement of Quasi-Static Magnetic and Electric Fields.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This standard provides recommendations to protect personnel in military environments against established adverse health effects associated with exposure to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields, induced and contact current, and contact and arcing voltages over the frequency range of 0 Hz to 300 GHz. The recommendations, expressed as dosimetric reference limits (DRLs) and exposure reference levels (ERLs), incorporate safety factors that address uncertainties such as uncertainties in the experimental data, measurement uncertainties, and differences in threshold variability between individuals, so as to establish an appropriate margin of safety. The DRLs are expressed in terms of *in situ* electric field strength, specific absorption rate (SAR), and incident power density. The ERLs are expressed in terms of environmental exposure fields and power densities. In the case of contact current, however, only ERLs are provided. The DRLs and ERLs are intended to protect against established adverse human health effects associated with electrostimulation of tissue and partial and whole-body heating, but may not protect against electromagnetic interference (EMI) with implanted medical devices. This standard does not apply to