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Wireless Health Effects: I've worked all my life in electronics; ground communications and electronic systems of various kinds for 35 years at the John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida, and several years as a commercial broadcast engineer. In January 2003 I took a medical retirement from KSC because of many environmental problems, among which were heavy metals toxicity, mold sensitivity, multiple chemical sensitivity, neurotoxicity, toxic encephalopathy, toxic effects of molds and mycotoxins, multiple severe food allergies, toxic effects of heavy metals, immune deregulation, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, electrical sensitivity, autonomic nervous system dysfunction, and chronic weakness of lower extremities, all of which are stated as valid complaints by the administrative law judge who authorized my social security disability.

I am presently a lot better, but am still electrically sensitive to a great degree. I react adversely to 60 hertz electrical fields as well as many other much higher frequencies, the worst reactions come from those I've had the most exposure to over time. I can not endure long periods around "smart" meters without resulting in pain and headache. I do not have a so-called "smart" meter on my house and have requested to keep the analog meter since they would be a disaster for me. During my time at KSC I was exposed routinely to frequencies in the same range as one of the frequencies used in "smart" meters. Every exposure resulted in intense pain and memory loss. I had worked on an STL system from the radio station that operated on a frequency of 943 mhz at 10 watts of power. The pain from this was intense and I had to stop working on it. While at the KSC I worked on a UHF radio system on the crawler - transporter that operated at 960 mhz running on 12 watts of power, with the same severe pain and headaches, so I had to stop.

Since "smart" meters operate in the frequency range of 902 to 928 mhz I knew they would be a problem for me, even though they transmit at a lower power of one watt, and are intermittent rather than steady radio-frequency. I have found that over time exposure to these EMFs will give worse and worse symptoms even at lower power levels, and moreso if it's pulsed EMFs.

Wireless technology has affected my life*:* I do not use a cell phone, only a landline. If I'm with several people using cell phones, my insides start vibrating and my heart starts skipping beats. I took a medical retirement because of, among other things, electrical sensitivity. I get headaches and disorientation within about 30 minutes of exposure to cell phone towers.

Concerns for 5G: I already know that if 5G transceivers are put outside my house, I will have to move out and sleep in my car in the forest. For people already sensitive to EMFs, this increased proliferation of radio-frequencies is a virtual nightmare and will ruin our lives.

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