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WKYT-TV Announces Digital Channel Change

Lexington, KY — WKYT-TV has received a Construction Permit (CP) from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to begin construction and installation of a new transmitter and antenna that will move their digital channel from the **VHF** digital television broadcast band to a channel in the **UHF** band.

WKYT-TV has been broadcasting a VHF channel, which was assigned by the FCC, for more than six years. Since the fall of 2009, when many people started using Digital Converter Boxes and/or Digital Television Sets, WKYT has received numerous viewer complaints about reception problems because of the VHF channel. More than 480 television stations across the country were assigned VHF channels by the FCC, and most of them have been receiving the same complaints. VHF channels are more susceptible to interference than UHF channels and because of that many viewers and cable systems are able to receive the Lexington UHF stations but have problems receiving WKYT's VHF channel.

WKYT has the equipment (transmitter, antenna, transmission line, and power transformers) on order and expects to begin testing of the new UHF transmitter by May 1, 2010. After the UHF transmitter and associated equipment have been fully tested, WKYT will cease transmitting on the old VHF channel. Viewers who have been able to receive the other Lexington stations UHF channels, should only need to "re-scan" their Digital Converter Box or Digital Television set to find WKYT's new channel. Announcements will be made prior to the channel change to allow viewers plenty of time to "re-scan".