

WMH

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL-FM

First licensed

Call Letters WMHD-FM

Station Location TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Name ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Transmitter Location BAUR-SAMES-BOGART HALL ON THE ROSE HULMAN INST. OF TECH. CAMPUS,
5500 WABASH AVENUE, TERREE HAUTE, INDIANA (PED-12-9-80)

Main studio location SAME AS TRANSMITTER

Authorization Record

| File No. | Granted | Facilities | Expires |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|---------|
| BPED-800306AI HAAT: 80' (H) | 12-9-80 (L) | 90.5mhz ERP: 0.160kW CP FOR NEW ED-FM STATION | 12-9-81 |
| BPED-800306AI (1) | 6-29-81 | CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED AND EBSA ISSUED. | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMHD-FM
NEW EDUC FM

Name Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Terre Haute, Indiana (PO 5500 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Indiana 47803)

| File No | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPED-800306AI BPED-790326AB PRESS: | MAY 7 1979 | Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 91.7MHz #219 90.5MHz#213 ERP: 160 watts; HAAT: 79.63' ant: HARRIS CORPORATION FM-44A | GRANTED COND'L | 12-9-80 |
| CUT OFF DATE | AUG 8 1979 | TL&SL: 5500 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 87 19 33 39 28 57 MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH ARN 790223AH Champaign, Illinois | | |
| BPED-800306AI AMENDED | 3-6-80 | chg frequency to : 90.5MHz#213 | | |

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

