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## Response to questions regarding Florida's approval of the Python Series II radar

Questions have recently arisen regarding the approval of the Python Series II radar in Florida. The approval of this radar has gone unquestioned for many years, but has arisen now.

The Python Series II radar has been approved for use in Florida since before sales of the radar began in the State. It is included under the name "Python" on the approved list published in Florida Administrative Code Rule 15B.2.013. Based on that approval, Python Series II radars were sold in Florida from 1998 through 2005. MPH Industries had several conversations with Florida officials regarding the Python Series II radar during this period, and the approval of the radar was never in question.

There have also been questions raised in the media about the compliance of the Python Series II with the beamwidth specification in Florida Administrative Code Rule 15B.2.0082. The operator's manual for the Python Series II states that the beamwidth "does not exceed 15°". This has been interpreted by some as "equals 15°", which is an incorrect interpretation. "Does not exceed 15°" is a Federal specification for radar devices, which is why the phrase is used in the manual. In actuality, the performance of the radar is better than the Federal specification. Florida's requirement regarding beamwidth is "shall not exceed 12 degrees plus or minus 1.5 degrees". The Python Series II was tested to have a beamwidth of 12° by an independent laboratory, as part of the Federal approval process for the radar. Therefore, the Python Series II complies with both the Federal requirement and Florida's requirement with regard to beamwidth. Furthermore, the Python Series II meets all specification listed in Florida Administrative Code Rule 15B.2.0082

We expect that the Florida Highway Patrol's Equipment Compliance and Testing section, which administers the State's list of approved speed measuring devices will confirm the State's approval of the Python Series II and its compliance with all specifications listed in Rule 15B.2.0082.

For any questions regarding this issue, please email MPH Industries' public relations at info@mphindustries.com.