

KDKA RADIO
1020

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John Sampson
5210 Girard Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Dear John:

Thanks for your recent reception report. It's always nice to hear from our listeners.

KDKA is the world's oldest commercially licensed broadcast station. It signed on the air on November 2, 1920 with those now famous call letters. It was then owned by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and still is today through its subsidiary Group W Radio.

Throughout the years KDKA has operated on various frequencies including 950, 970, and 980 kilohertz. Today we operate on 1020 KHZ, 24 hours a day, in C-Quam AM stereo, with a power of fifty-thousand watts. The KDKA transmitter site is located about twelve miles north of the city. The plant is equipped with two Harris Corporation MW-50 pulse duration modulated 50 KW transmitters. Each transmitter is equipped for stereo operation. The main antenna system is a 720 foot center fed uniform cross section guyed tower. A 240 foot tower located on the same 70 acre site serves as a backup antenna system.

The KDKA studios are located in downtown Pittsburgh. Each of the six control room/studios is equipped with a custom Ward-Beck console and six ITC Series 99 cartridge tape machines. In addition to these facilities we own a 30 foot mobile studio used for on site broadcasts.

KDKA is the flagship station for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team. We distribute baseball games via satellite to the 40 radio stations on the Pirate Baseball Network. We also own, operate, and maintain a two-way radio system for news gathering and transmission of remote broadcasts to the studio.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack Layton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Jack Layton
Engineering Manager