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15. ABSTRACT *(A 200-word or less factual summary of most significant information. If document includes a significant bibliography or literature survey, mention it here.)* This report summarizes the results of a number of studies of path-to-path, or location, variability of transmission loss at 20 MHz to 10 GHz. The studies show that such variability appears to be normally distributed and can, therefore, be represented by a standard deviation. Location variability increases with increased frequency and terrain irregularity, the standard deviation increasing from about 5 to 25 dB. For non-urban areas an expression is given which defines location variability in terms of radio frequency and terrain irregularity. The effects of tall buildings in highly built-up urban areas, and of trees are discussed.

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