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represents the major recording companies, said the trade group did not ask XM to discontinue selling the PCR unit.

Marks also distinguished between the manual recording of radio done for decades on a cassette player and the systematic, mass recording of digital radio broadcasts.

"What we're concerned about are programs that essentially transform what are intended to be performances of music into a music library for somebody," Marks said.

The trade group already considers the widespread recording of Internet radio as a threat to digital radio broadcasters and the burgeoning legal music-downloading business.

Software that can track the data stream from Internet radio and split it into individual song files that are then stored on the computer user's hard drive are widely available, many at little or no cost.

One such program, StationRipper, is available free of charge and had been downloaded more than 50,000 times on Download.com as of Friday. Other popular recording programs include TotalRecorder and ReplayRadio.

One user said StationRipper made it possible to download nearly 3,000 songs in a 20-hour period from multiple Internet radio stations simultaneously.

The recording industry has yet to devise a way to block such methods of copying music, so it has mostly concentrated its enforcement campaign on people who distribute song files.

The recording group suggested that the Federal Communications Commission require digital radio broadcasters to encrypt their content or use an audio protection flag. Properly equipped digital players or receivers would recognize the flag and, ultimately, restrict whether the content could be copied or distributed.

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