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# Cipher-based MAC (CMAC) support

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## 1. Problem statement

1. 802.16e/D7 makes extensive use of "OMAC", which enables use of AES for MAC generation - but does not provide a reference for the algorithm
2. NIST has withdrawn its draft of OMAC. As a replacement proposal for a cipher-based MAC, it has selected the OMAC-1 variation - which it has renamed as CMAC.
3. The CMAC construction is still a draft and not yet an approved document however

## 2. Remedy

We should adopt CMAC, and specify that the intent is to use whatever algorithm is eventually approved by NIST (ie. not the current draft document). Essentially this means we are providing a hook for using CMAC in 802.16 after a final version has been approved

## 3. Text changes

[ Replace every mention of "OMAC" with "CMAC" ]

[Insert new paragraph 7.5.4:]

### 7.5.4 Cipher-based MAC (CMAC)

A BS or MS may support management message integrity protection based on Cipher-based MAC (currently under consideration by NIST) - together with the AES block cipher. NIST intends to publish the CMAC construction as **Special Publication 800-38B - Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: the CMAC Mode for Authentication** " upon approval.

[Renumber current 7.5.4 as 7.5.4.1]