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Abstract	The padding of the prepended CMAC data is meant to align to 128 bits, but it doesn't. At some point the AKID using in the computation of the CMAC value was change to the 4 bit AK Sequence Number, thus breaking the security properties of using the AKID. This proposal restored the AKID makes the fields of the CMAC computation align to 128 bits and aligns all the fields to a byte boundary.	
Purpose	Consider and adopt this text into the 802.16e draft as a resolution of late comment by Pieter-Paul Giesberts.	
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Correcting Construction of 802.16e CMAC Prepended Data

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Introduction

The following text amends the 802.16e CMAC management frame protection text to revert to the insertion of the AKID in the computation of the CMAC instead of the 4 bit AK Sequence number. This aligns the prepended data to 128 bits, consistent with the AES block size and aligns the internal fields to 8 bit boundaries.

Background

The AKID is included in the computation of the CMAC as a unique identifier to prevent classes of replay that rely on different AKIDs with the same key sequence number. There are only 16 key sequence numbers so collision is inevitable.

The 4 bit key sequence number is used in the SA-TEK-Challenge message to allow a mapping of AK key sequence to AKID so that the full AKID does not need to be sent in the CMAC tuple, only the 4 bit sequence number. However the full AKID can be included in the CMAC computation which is a purely local process.

Proposal

Adopt the following text in place of the existing text of 7.5.4.4.1 in 802.16e.

[Change the text of 7.5.4.4.1 as indicated:]

7.5.4.4.1 Calculation of CMAC Value

The calculation of the keyed hash value contained in the CMAC-Digest attribute and the CMAC Tuple shall use the CMAC Algorithm with AES. The downlink authentication key CMAC_KEY_D shall be used for authenticating messages in the downlink direction. The uplink authentication key CMAC_KEY_U shall be used for authenticating messages in the uplink direction. Uplink and downlink message authentication keys are derived from the AK (see 7.5.4 below for details).

For authentication multicast messages (in the DL only) a CMAC_KEY_GD shall be used (one for each group), group authentication key is derived from GKEK

The CMAC-Digest and CMAC Tuple attributes shall be only applicable to the PKM version 2. In the PKM version 2 protocol, the ~~AKID~~CMAC key sequence number used in the computation of the CMAC value ~~tuple~~ shall be the 64 bit AKID ~~equal to the 4 bit AK sequence number~~ of the AK from which the CMAC_KEY_x was derived. See 6.3.2.3.9.18 for the SA-TEK-Challenge message attributes in which the

1 mapping between the AK Sequence number and the AKID is communicated and see 7.2.2.4.1 for a descrip-
 2 tion of the AK context that contains the AK and AKID.
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 5 The CMAC Packet Number Counter (CMAC_PN_*) is a 4 byte sequential counter that is incremented in the
 6 context of UL messages by the SS, and in the context of DL messages by the BS,. The BS will also maintain
 7 a separate CMAC_PN_* for multicast packets per each GSA and increment that counter in the context of
 8 each multicast packet from the group. For MAC messages that have no CID e.g. RNG-REQ message, the
 9 CMAC_PN_* context will be the same as used on the basic CID. If basic CID is unknown (e.g. in network
 10 reentry situation) then CID 0 should be used.
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 13 The CMAC Packet Number Counter, CMAC_PN_*, is part of the CMAC security context and must be
 14 unique for each MAC management message with the CMAC tuple or digest. Any tuple value of
 15 {CMAC_PN_*, AK} shall not be used more than once. The reauthentication process should be initiated (by
 16 BS or SS) to establish a new AK before the CMAC_PN_* reaches the end of its number space.
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 19 The digest shall be calculated over a field consisting of the ~~AKID~~CMAC key sequence number followed by
 20 the CMAC Packet Number Counter, expressed as an unsigned 32-bit number, followed by the 16-bit Con-
 21 nection ID on which the message is sent, followed by 16-bit of zero padding (for the header to be aligned
 22 with AES block size) and followed by the entire MAC management message with the exception of the
 23 CMAC-TLV.
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 26 The least significant bits of the digest shall be truncated to yield a 64-bit length digest. ~~The CMAC key~~
 27 ~~sequence number shall be equal to the 4-bit AK sequence number of the AK from which the CMAC_KEY_x~~
 28 ~~was derived.~~
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 31 i.e.:

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 33 CMAC value <= Truncate64 (CMAC (CMAC_KEY_*, ~~AKID~~CMAC key sequence number | CMAC_PN |
 34 CID |16-bit zero padding | MAC_Management_Message))
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 37 If the digest is included in an MPDU that has no CID, e.g. A RNG-REQ message, the CID used shall take
 38 the value of the basic CID. If basic CID is unknown (e.g. in network reentry situation) then CID 0 should be
 39 used.
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