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TO: National Weather Service (NWS) Offices
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Customers
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SUBJECT: Cessation of Use of the Decommissioned Portland,
OR, VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range (VOR)
Aviation Radio Navigation Site March 26, 2014

NOTE: The following change has no impact on NOAA
Weather Wire Service subscribers

Effective Wednesday March 26, 2014, at 1500 Coordinated Universal
Time (UTC), 1000 AM Eastern Standard Time, the NWS will cease
using the 3-letter identifier PDX as the Portland, OR, VOR
reference point in NWS AIRMETs and SIGMETs.

On June 27, 2013, the FAA decommissioned the VOR at Portland,
Oregon. The nearest VOR point to Portland is the Battle Ground
(BTG) VOR in Vancouver, WA, 9.6 miles north of Portland
International Airport. The exact location of BTG is N45 degrees,
44.87 minutes latitude and W122 degrees, 35.49 minutes longitude.
Effective March 26, 2014, NWS will cease reference to the PDX VOR
identifier and begin referencing the BTG VOR for any weather
reference points in northwestern Oregon or southwestern
Washington.

VORs are used by pilots for navigation and also are used in
aviation weather forecasts and SIGMETs as reference points in
defining the area of weather hazards. Since NWS uses VOR
locations to define areal coverage of weather hazards in addition
to their use as navigation aids, the NWS will make this name and
identifier change to maintain consistent terminology with FAA VOR
points.

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