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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 on 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 (EST), the
NWS will cease using the 3-letter identifier PDX as the
Portland, OR, VOR reference point in NWS AIRman's METeorological
Information (AIRMETs) and Significant Meteorological Information
(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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