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To: National Weather Service (NWS) Offices  
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Customers  
Family of Services (FOS) Subscribers  
Other NWS Partners and Employees

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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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