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Subject: Format Change for the Volcanic Ash  
SIGMET Effective November 18, 2010

In response to the latest edition of Annex 3, ICAO document that governs Aviation Weather standards and recommended practices, the following change will be made to the volcanic ash SIGMET. On the second line, the location of the Volcano (labeled LOC) will be changed to position (labeled PSN). The change will take place Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 0000 Coordinated Universal Time UTC).

See the example below:

**CURRENT VA SIGMET FORMAT**

WVNT06 KKCI 082030  
TJZS SIGMET FOXTROT 2 VALID 082030/090230 KKCI-  
SAN JUAN FIR VA FROM SOUFRIERE HILLS LOC 1642N06210W  
VA CLD OBS AT 2030Z SFC/060 WI N1730 W06400 - N1700 W06300  
- N1650 W06300 - N1710 W06400 - N1730 W06400. MOV W 15KT.  
FCST 0230Z VA CLD APRX N1730 W06500 - N1700 W06300 - N1650  
W06300 - N1710 W06500 - N1730 W06500.

**NEW VA SIGMET FORMAT**

WVNT06 KKCI 082030  
TJZS SIGMET FOXTROT 2 VALID 082030/090230 KKCI-  
SAN JUAN FIR VA FROM SOUFRIERE HILLS PSN 1642N06210W  
VA CLD OBS AT 2030Z SFC/060 WI N1730 W06400 - N1700 W06300  
- N1650 W06300 - N1710 W06400 - N1730 W06400. MOV W 15KT.  
FCST 0230Z VA CLD APRX N1730 W06500 - N1700 W06300 - N1650  
W06300 - N1710 W06500 - N1730 W06500.

The following WMO headers used by the United States  
Meteorological Watch Offices are affected.

**WMO HEADERS**

WVNT[01-13] KKCI  
WVPN[01-13] KKCI  
FVAK[21-25] PAWU  
WVPA[01-13] PHFO

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