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Subject:      Initiation of Additional FAA WSR-88D Level II Data Streams  
              Beginning September 2013

This notice provides an update of NWS plans to initiate electronic collection, distribution and archive of Weather Surveillance Radar-1988, Doppler (WSR-88D) Level II data at the seven additional Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) WSR-88Ds listed below.

ICAO ID	Site Name	State	Initiation Date
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PABC	Bethel	Alaska	September 2013
PAIH	Middleton Island	Alaska	September 2013
PAHG	Anchorage	Alaska	September 2013
PAKC	King Salmon	Alaska	September 2013
PACG	Sitka	Alaska	March 2014
PAEC	Nome	Alaska	March 2014
PAPD	Fairbanks	Alaska	March 2014

Activation of Level II data collection is expected to begin at four of these sites in September 2013, but definitive activation dates cannot be given at this time. The remaining three sites are expected to initiate Level II data distribution in March 2014.

The activation at each site will depend on installation of OPSnet communication hardware at the associated NWS Weather Forecast Offices and the Radar Product Generator software Build 13.2. The Level II Data transmitted from the first four sites in September will initially be Version 7 (Recombined Super Resolution) and include dual polarization Level II data. The Level II data will revert to Version 6 when Software Build 14 is installed in spring 2014.

To determine the availability of Level II data from these seven FAA WSR-88Ds, check the NWS Level II Status website:

<http://weather.noaa.gov/monitor/radar2/>

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