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Subject: Transition of Manual Radiosonde Observations to Automated
Radiosonde Observations at Yakutat, Alaska: Effective on or about June 10,
2018

Effective on or about June 10, 2018, NWS will transition radiosonde
observations (RAOB) from Yakutat, Alaska, World Meteorological
Organization (WMO) # 70361, Station ID PAYA, from the manually launched
Lockheed Martin 1680 MHz LMS6 radiosonde to the Vaisala 403 MHz RS41-SGPA
radiosonde using the Vaisala Autosonde as the launch vehicle.

Dual radiosonde flights may be performed up to 30 days until the Vaisala
Autosonde System is declared operational for the regularly scheduled
observations of 00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and 12 UTC.

For additional information on the message requirements, see WMO manual on
Codes (International Codes):

- Volume I.1 Part A - Alphanumeric Codes
- Volume I.2 Part B - Binary Codes
- Volume II Regional Codes and National Coding Practices (WMO Region IV)

An update to this Service Change Notice will be issued if additional
information needs to be communicated on this transition.

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