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Subject: Transition of Manual Radiosonde Observations to Automated  
Radiosonde Observations at St. Paul, Alaska: Effective on or about July 1,  
2018

Effective on or about July 1, 2018, NWS will transition radiosonde  
observations (RAOB) from St. Paul, Alaska, World Meteorological  
Organization (WMO) # 70308, Station ID PASN, 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 (SCN) will be issued if additional  
information needs to be communicated on this transition.

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