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Subject: Transition of Manual Radiosonde Observations to Automated
Radiosonde Observations at Bethel, Alaska: Effective on or about
September 15, 2018

Effective on or about September 15, 2018, NWS will transition radiosonde
observations (RAOB) from Bethel, AK, World Meteorological Organization
(WMO) # 70219, Station ID PABE, 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 for 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 306
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)

NWS will issue an update to this notice if additional information needs
to be communicated on this transition.

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