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Alaska Flight Service Information Area Office LETTER TO AIRMEN 08-1

SUBJECT: Automated Flight Information Service (AFIS)

Cancellation: This Letter to Airmen is cancelled June 3, 2010

There are 9 airports (will expand to 11) in Alaska where Flight Service Stations (FSS) are located on the field and they use an automated information system to provide airport and NOTAM data. Effective June 3, 2008, this service will be referred to as Automated Flight Information Service (AFIS). The recordings that are prepared by Airport Traffic Control Towers (ATCT) will continue to be called Automated Terminal Information Service (ATIS).

In the past, where we provided AFIS recordings, we referred to them as ATIS. Since the systems were unique to only a few locations in Alaska, we modified and adapted the "terminal" rules for the provision of the FSS recording service. With the expansion of locations where this service is provided, we have amended the FAA orders pertaining to FSS operations to contain guidance for preparation of FSS recordings. In future editions, the Aeronautical Information Manual, Sectional Charts, and FAA orders pertaining to operation and management of FSSs, will contain information and rules regarding AFIS recordings.

The following airports provide AFIS on the frequencies published in the Alaska Airport Facility Directory during the hours that the FSS is open. Pilots should obtain AFIS prior to contacting the FSS for airport advisories and/or self-announcing.

Talkeetna (TKA)
Homer (HOM)
Ketchikan (KTN)

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez (SIT)
Iliamna (ILI)
Dillingham (DLG)

Kotzebue Ralph Wien (OTZ)
Nome (OME)
Deadhorse (SCC)



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