Attachment 10 Lost Communications Procedures

ATC Lost Communication Procedures

Lost Communications between the Pilot and ATC

Normal communication between the pilot and ATC is via telephone. Backup communications will be via cell phone or satellite (iridium) phone. In the event of a primary communication system failure, if backup communications cannot be established (or reestablished) the aircraft mission will be aborted, and we will conduct an aircraft recovery. Operations will not be resumed until communication is re-established.

Lost Communications between the Pilot and ground or airborne observers

Normal communications between the pilot and the ground or airborne observer(s) is via local two-way radio. If this voice radio link fails, communication will be via cell phone or satellite (Iridium) phone. If backup communication procedures are utilized, the aircraft will be brought to a location where the pilot and a ground observer can talk person to person (i.e. overhead or near field operations).

Lost Communication Between The UA and the Control Station Procedures

See Lost Link/Mission Procedures (above section)