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Subject:      Alaska Aviation Weather Unit and Volcanic Ash  
              Advisory Center Will Migrate to a New Layout on  
              Their Web Home Pages Effective May 10, 2017

On or shortly after May 10, 2017, the Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU) and the Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) will migrate to a new layout on their web home pages.

This change is in response to a required web infrastructure consolidation. The change will provide office-to-office consistency because the layout of the home page will be set across the Region.

In addition, per Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive M-15-13, all publicly accessible federal websites and services will provide service through a secure connection (https).

The OMB directive can be found at:

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2015/m-15-13.pdf>

An example of what the new front page for the AAWU will look like is online at:

[http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/aawu\\_example.JPG](http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/aawu_example.JPG)

An example of what the new front page for the VAAC will look like is online at:

[http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/vaac\\_example.JPG](http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/vaac_example.JPG)

Also, if you have automated scripts, we highly encourage you to use Official NWS Application Programming Interface (APIs), documented here:

<https://forecast-v3.weather.gov/documentation>

Be sure to use "https" in place of "http" in all your automation scripts.

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