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SUBJECT: Transition of Manual Radiosonde Observations to
 Automated Radiosonde Observations at Yakutat, Alaska
 Effective on or about June 10, 2018

Effective on or about June 10, 2018, NWS will transition radiosonde observations (RAOB) from Yakutat, Alaska WMO# 70361, Station ID PAYA, 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 00Z and 12Z.

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 will be issued if additional information needs to be communicated on this transition.

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