VIII. Transportation & Comms

Section VIII details the number and type transportation facilities and communications equipment for use within the Antarctic treaty area.

Surface, Marine, and Air Transportation Vehicles

McMurdo Station

Truck, (light and heavy)	95
Carrier, Personnel and Cargo (tracked and wheeled)	60
Trailer, (tracked and wheeled)	35
Front-end loader, bucket and forklift	42
Forklift, warehouse	22
Motor toboggans	120
Crane	3
Road grader	4
Roller	4
Tractor, crawler	38
Tractor, wheeled	2
Sweeper, magnet	1
Snow plane	5
Truck, fire, pumper	8
Trencher	1
Aircraft, LC-130	6
Helicopters, Aerospatiale AS-350B-2	3

Helicopters, Bell 212	1
Scraper	2
Backhoe	2

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Cranes	3
Excavator	1
Front Loader, tracked	7
Motor Toboggans	10
Personnel Carrier	4
Snow Plane	2
Tele-handler	1
Tractor Crawler	5
Trencher	1
Truck, light and heavy	4

Palmer Station

Front-loader (wheeled)	2
Motor toboggans	2
Boats, rubber (Zodiac)	16
Forklift, all terrain	1
Telescopic material handler	1
Vehicle, all terrain, 4-wheel	4

Description of Communications Facilities

Note: For information on frequencies, see attached Comms forms (Attachment A).

McMurdo South Pole and Palmer stations

No new communications related projects are planned at McMurdo, South Pole or Palmer stations during the reporting period.

Description of Airfields

McMurdo Station

Air Facilities

- 1. Williams Field 2 x 10,000ft, skiways on ice shelf
- 2. Sea Ice Runway 2 x 10,000 ft runways (on annual sea ice)
- 3. Pegasus Glacier Ice runway -1 x 10,000
- 4. McMurdo Helicopter landing pad

Crash Equipment/Fire Equipment

- 1. Two Canadian Foremost Chieftains, 1200 gallons AFFF (each)
- 2. Two Nodwell Flex-Trac equipped with 1350 lb. PKP, 200 gallon AFFF
- 3. One Nodwell Flex-Trac equipped with 3,000 lb. PKP
- 4. Seven 150 lb. PKP sled-mounted extinguisher on the flight line
- 5. Two 3,000 lb. PKP sled-mounted extinguishers at the heli-pad
- 6. One Tanker, 3,400 gallons of water
- 7. Two Pumpers, 750 gallons (H2O), 1000 GPM

Navigation Aids

- 1. Precision (course & glide slope) Approach Radar (PAR) and Approach Surveillance Radar (ASR) on primary landing runways, AN/FPN-36 radar
- 2. AN/TRN-26 TACAN
- 3. AN/URN-25 TACAN
- 4. T-1109/GRT-22 UHF radio beacon
- 5. Terminal Approach Control Radar (GPN-27)
- 6. Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI)
- 7. Mobile Microwave Landing System (MMLS)

Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station

Air Facilities

1 x 14,000 ft. skiway

Crash Equipment

Three 350 lb. dry chemical units

Navigation Aids

- 1. PAR and ASR radar, AN/FPN-36
- 2. AN/URN-25 TACAN
- 3. T-1109/GRT-22 UHF beacon

Palmer Station

Air Facilities

None. Open field landings on glacier possible

Crash Equipment

None

Navigation Aids

T-1109/GRT-22 UHF beacon

Marble Point Camp

Air Facilities

One helicopter landing pad

Crash Equipment

1. Three 150 lb. dry chemical unit (PKP)

Navigation Aids

None