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Alaskan Region

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Aeronautical Study 06-AAL-31NR
Request for Public Input

Proposed Decommissioning of
Bethel Compass Locator Located at the Middle Marker (LMM)
Facility Identification ET
Bethel, Alaska

1. **Proposed Change:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Alaskan Region, is considering decommissioning the Bethel (ET) Compass Locator located at the Middle Marker (LMM) Runway 18.

2. **Justification:** Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) has eliminated the need for Middle Markers for Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) throughout the United States. As DME is installed at airports, Middle Markers are being decommissioned. Since the Bethel ILS has a DME, ET will not be used as a LMM and the reference to the LMM will be eliminated from the ILS/DME Runway 18 SIAP.

Because ET is a Non-directional Beacon (NDB), it is also used as the Navigational Aid (NAVAID) for the NDB Runway 18 standard instrument approach procedure (SIAP). However, the Bethel Airport has 4 other SIAPs to Runway 18 with lower minimums than the NDB SIAP to Runway 18 (ILS/DME SIAP, Area Navigation (Global Positioning System) SIAP, Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range VOR/DME SIAP, and a VOR SIAP).

The FAA has decided to cancel the NDB Runway 18 SIAP to eliminate the costs associated with maintaining and revising a procedure that is not needed. This action will not adversely impact service to the Bethel Airport because of the availability of the other SIAPS. The cancellation of the NDB Runway 18 SIAP will be effective on November 23, 2006.

After November 23, 2006 ET will no longer be used to support instrument procedures. Decommissioning ET will eliminate continued maintenance costs for an unused NAVAID. The FAA is proposing that the ET LMM be decommissioned.

3. **Public Input:** The public is invited to submit, in writing, comments regarding the overall aeronautical aspects of the proposed decommissioning of the ET LMM.

This proposal is subject to change after review of public comments.

Comments in writing concurring with or objecting to the proposed change may be indicated by use of the attached endorsement form, or may be mailed separately, or may be emailed (see link below).

4. **Comment Information:** Comments must be received by close of business, Friday, October 20, 2006, to be considered. You may E-Mail comments to 9-AAL-530-Comments@faa.gov or address your reply to the Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska Flight Service Information Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

This proposal can also be reviewed via internet on our web page.

http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at/ETDecommission

5. **Proponent Information**: If you have questions regarding this change, please contact Derril Bergt, Alaska Flight Service Information Office, at (907) 271-2796.

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COMMENT: Aeronautical Study 06-AAL-31NR; Decommissioning of ET LMM.

I have reviewed the proposal identified above and I have no objections.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Representing: _____

or

I have reviewed the proposal identified above and I have comments (see below, or attached).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail Comments to: Federal Aviation Administration
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