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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Van Nuys Airport (VNY), CA, FAA (ATM SCT TRACON, AAS-1) 2210739

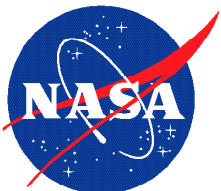
Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AWP-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA), AOPA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, ICAO, ICASS, NAFI, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: SCT Radio Coverage Issues Vicinity of VNY Airport

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2210739**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202502
Local Time Of Day	1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale	VNY.Airport
State	CA
Altitude - MSL	5000

ENVIRONMENT

Weather	Fog
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AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON	SCT
Make Model Name	Small Aircraft, High Wing, 1 Eng, Fixed Gear
Operating Under FAR Part	91

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2210739

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation - Altitude - Excursion From Assigned Altitude
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance
Result - Air Traffic Control	Provided Assistance

NARRATIVE 1

SoCal [TRACON] was giving me vectors to the ILS Z 16R approach. At the time SoCal should have given me a vector to intercept the localizer, there was a gap in the radio coverage. SoCal relayed an instruction through another aircraft, but I had passed the localizer. SoCal gave me a vector and instructed to remain at 5000 or above until established. I thought I was established and started to descend, when SoCal instructed me to climb. At that moment I broke out of the clouds and told SoCal, who cleared me for the visual. The Tower gave me a phone number when I landed. I called in and the controller who answered asked me if I was alright and apologized for the gap in radio coverage. Asking around, this is apparently a known issue around VNY.

SYNOPSIS

General aviation pilot reported losing communication while following vectors from ATC to intercept the VNY Runway 16R localizer, resulting in a track deviation. Reporter stated the radio coverage problems are apparently a known issue.