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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (ATM PCT TRACON)

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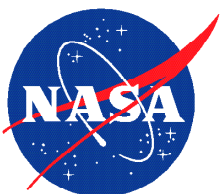
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: PCT TRACON Frequency Reliability

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 2354707**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202604
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	PCT.TRACON
State	VA

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON	PCT
Make Model Name	Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Enroute
ASRS Report Number	2354707

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance

NARRATIVE 1

I was training a developmental on MULLR/LUCKE/BINNS/finals combined when we lost the frequency 126.1. The majority of aircraft were on the frequency, including 3 IFR jets who were on final into IAD. I took over and immediately put all surrounding sectors into holding and went out on guard to have the aircraft on 126.1 switch to a different frequency.

This is a reoccurring issue at Potomac TRACON. We have had many issues with frequencies, creating extremely unsafe situations. I do not know what causes these issues so it is difficult for me to offer a recommendation on how to fix this. I have never experienced the frequencies going out unexpectedly like we do here at Potomac TRACON.

SYNOPSIS

A PCT TRACON Controller reported reoccurring frequency outages on 126.1.