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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (ATM ZAB ARTCC, AJW-19)

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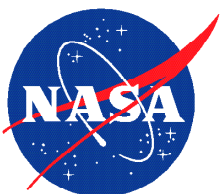
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ZAB Transmitter Quality

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 2350824**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202604
Local Time Of Day	0001 to 0600

PLACE

Locale	ZAB.ARTCC
State	NM

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Center	ZAB
Make Model Name	Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Enroute
ASRS Report Number	2350824

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

132.8 QOW site has gotten progressively worse in last 2 months. Transmission that can only be picked up by the site is completely unintelligible, even for aircraft departing from SAF. The reliance on the receiver is incredibly high, as it is the only site that can pick up transmissions from the aircraft at low altitude (At or Below (AOB) FL200). In current state of the audio quality, the controllers on Sector 16 can't be expected to provide any meaningful services in the aforementioned area. The transmitter/receiver needs urgent maintenance work.

The site needs maintenance. If the site is left in its current condition, it is only a matter of time before an incident happens due to it.

SYNOPSIS

ZAB Center Controller reported one of their receivers is unreliable and needs maintenance.