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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

2026-190/6-24

To: FAA (ATM ZMP ARTCC)

2352957

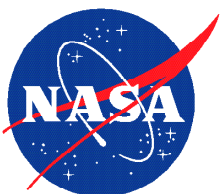
Info: FAA (AFS-260, AFS-200, AVP-1, AVP-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations, CSA),  
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ZMP 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](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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**ACN 2352957****DATE / TIME**

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Date of Occurrence | 202604       |
| Local Time Of Day  | 1801 to 2400 |

**PLACE**

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| Locale | ZMP.ARTCC |
| State  | MN        |

**AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X**

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| ATC / Advisory - Center | ZMP         |
| Make Model Name         | No Aircraft |

**PERSON 1**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Function - Air Traffic Control | Supervisor / CIC |
| ASRS Report Number             | 2352957          |

**EVENTS**

|                              |                                                                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anomaly                      | ATC Issue - All Types                                              |
| Anomaly                      | Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy |
| Anomaly                      | Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue                  |
| Anomaly                      | Inflight Event / Encounter - Weather / Turbulence                  |
| Detector - Person            | Air Traffic Control                                                |
| Result - Air Traffic Control | Separated Traffic                                                  |

**NARRATIVE 1**

I am Operations Supervisor (OS) in area during a weather event. Our frequency 123.72 has been notoriously bad. The sector that belongs to that frequency is FL240-350. In normal day to day there has been issues with coverage on the north and northwest side. (It has been reported upward multiple times).

When the weather came into the area it caused a lot of deviations and complexity. But when the weather was at or near the transmitter it became mostly unusable. I say mostly because it was about 1x1.

Sector 46 overlays out whole area and owns 2 frequencies. I have to close the west side of 46 so that we could steal that frequency for Sector 34. It was a band aid fix to the issue. It also limited us because now I forced Sectors 13 and 34 to work 240-999. With the storm brought more volume into our area. Sectors 13 and 34 became very busy and I was unable [to] split it any further due to comm issues.

Recommendation: Make 123.72 a workable frequency.

**SYNOPSIS**

ZMP Center Controller reported there are coverage issues with the frequency 123.72.