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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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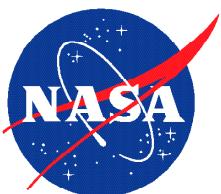
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ZAB Frequency Issues

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 2357735**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202605
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	ZAB.ARTCC
State	NM
Altitude - MSL	45000

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Center	ZAB
Make Model Name	Light Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	91

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y

ATC / Advisory - Center	ZAB
Make Model Name	Light Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	91

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Enroute
ASRS Report Number	2357735

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

Sector 94, frequency 133.65 with poor radio quality. Persistent issue for the sector for better part of last 6 months. Transmission from aircraft at FL450 and FL410 are received with extremely poor quality despite the aircraft were at high altitude.

P70 site (clines corner) for 132.8 has been suspected of poor reception quality that has not been addressed yet. 133.65 showing signs of reception quality is troubling. Considering that there were minimal factor for disruption (no precipitation, no line of sight issue), I must suspect that the issue lies with the site itself. Any RCAG (Remote Communication Air to Ground site) issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible, especially with adverse WX approaching.

SYNOPSIS

A ZAB Center Controller reported poor radio quality on 133.65 with two aircraft above FL410. Reporter stated poor radio reception on 133.65 and 132.8 is a recurring problem that has not been addressed.