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The air tanker base frequency assignment of 123.975 MHz has been a common assignment used throughout the U.S. at all air tanker bases. In an annual review of air tanker base locations, the FAA changed the frequency at several of the bases due to interference issues with FAA assignments at nearby airports.

New frequency assignments for the affected bases will be posted under the base name and identifier in the *Interagency Air Tanker Base Directory*. The assumption that 123.975 MHz is common for all air tanker bases can no longer be supported.

Frequency demands continue to increase and we are likely to see further changes to other air tanker bases in the future. All attempts are being made by the FAA to minimize the number of different frequencies used to mitigate the interference issues.

As the FAA continues to engineer for future needs, the determination of which bases that may require frequency changes will be the decision of the FAA.

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Airtanker Base Frequency Changes for 2009

SOUTHERN AREA							
35 02 01 N	85 12 11 W	Chattanooga	TN	CHA	123.9750		
36 00 18 N	094 10 18 W	Fayetteville	AR	FYV	123.9750		120.675
35 19 22 N	77 36 57 W	Kinston	NC	ISO	123.9750		
35 48 53 N	083 59 53 W	Knoxville	TN	TYS	123.9750		
30 11 10 N	082 34 28 W	Lake City	FL	LCQ	123.9750		
37 05 21 N	084 04 25 W	London	KY	LOZ	123.9750		
29 10 19 N	082 13 15 W	Ocala	FL	OCF	123.9750		
26 54 57 N	081 59 48 W	Punta Gorda	FL	PGD	123.9750		
31 38 27N	097 04 45W	Waco	TX	CNW	Request Submitted		
SOUTHWEST AREA							
32 50 14 N	105 59 47 W	Alamogordo	NM	ALM	123.9750		119.675
35 02 53 N	106 36 30 W	Albuquerque	NM	ABQ	123.9750		126.075
31 34 58 N	110 20 53 W	Fort Huachuca (Libby, Sierra Vista)	AZ	FHU	123.9750		
35 15 56 N	113 56 19 W	Kingman (SEAT)	AZ	IGM	123.9750	SEAT	
34 39 25 N	112 24 50 W	Prescott	AZ	PRC	123.9750		
33 27 55 N	105 32 07 W	Ruidoso (SEAT)	NM	SRR	123.9750	SEAT	126.075
33 18 19 N	104 31 09 W	Roswell (Industrial)	NM	ROW	123.9750		126.075
32 51 09 N	109 38 25 W	Safford (SEAT)	AZ	SAD	123.9750	SEAT	
32 37 53 N	109 08 59 W	Silver City (Grant County)	NM	SVC	123.9750		126.075