



AIM Modernization!

AIM NOTAM Industry Day

United States AIM
Modernization
*Transformation to digital
aeronautical information*

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Strategic Goals

Provide a 'one stop shop' for digital aeronautical information services necessary for flight operations

- **Improve safety**
 - Interpretation, accuracy, quality
- **Improve efficiency**
 - Easier to filter, sort, query
- **Support NextGen**
 - Situational awareness, flight planning, ...
- **Internationally harmonized**



*NOTAM
Special Activity Airspace
Altitude Reservations
Airport Field Conditions
GPS/RAIM
Temporary Flight Restrictions*

Why Modernize NOTAMS

Stakeholder and User Needs



Pilot's Perspective

NOTAM System Modernization:

The Pilots' Perspective

Report summarizing input from the
Pilot Input to NOTAM System Modernization Working Group

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- **“Last line of defense” for safety**
- **Typically have less time to review NOTAMs than other customers**
- **NOTAM data not filtered or prioritized**
- **Digitize NOTAM data**



Dispatcher's Perspective

Field Conditions Data:

The Airline Dispatchers' Perspective

Report summarizing input from the
Dispatch Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)
Field Conditions (FICON) Working Group

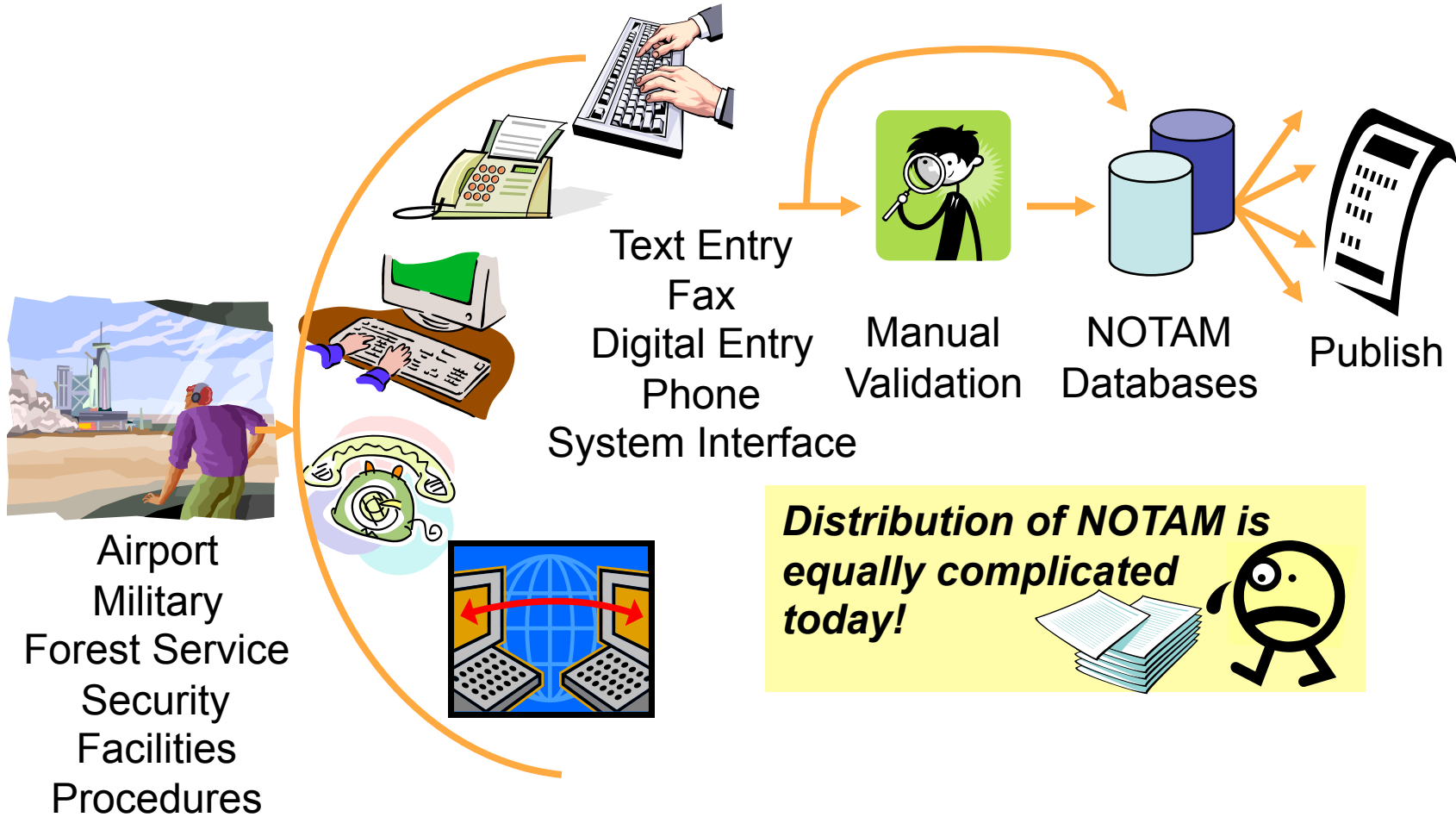
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- **Airport field condition data incomplete and requires coordination with multiple sources**
- **Standardize content and format of data**

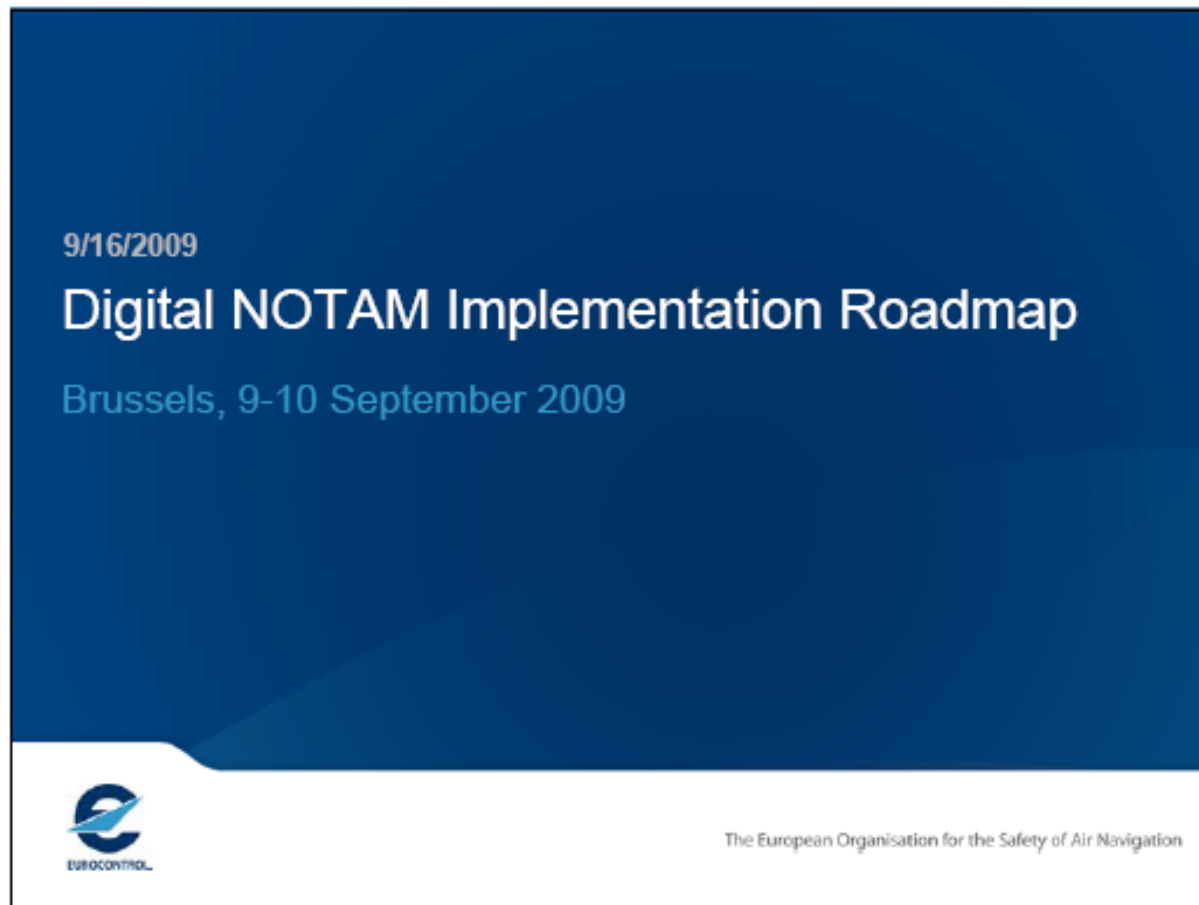


FAA's Perspective



2009 Digital NOTAM Workshop

EUROCONTROL



International progress and harmonization

- US, Japan, Europe, ...

Stakeholder commitments and needs



http://www.eurocontrol.int/aim/public/standard_page/xnotamws_2009.html

KLM

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The airlines expect that Digital NOTAM will not only make the information easier to process but will also improve the quality of the information.

Thank you for your attention



Lufthansa Systems

Safety and efficiency of the ATM system [increases] by system wide availability of harmonized and standardized data.



DOD Air Mobility Command

A User's Perspective



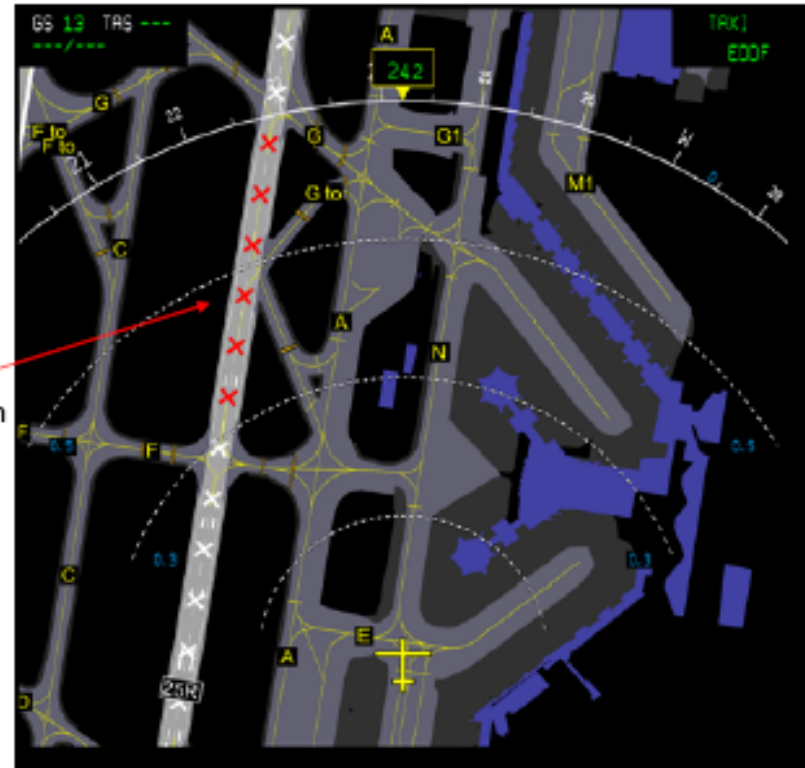
- **Aviation operations are more reliant upon digital data than ever**
- **Digital data facilitates opportunities for success**
- **Detractors from seamless implementation of digital data**
- **Highlight the need for standardized aeronautical data**



Airbus

D-NOTAM enhanced integration : examples

D-NOTAM RWY closure information interpreted by airborne system and graphically displayed



From Flysafe research project

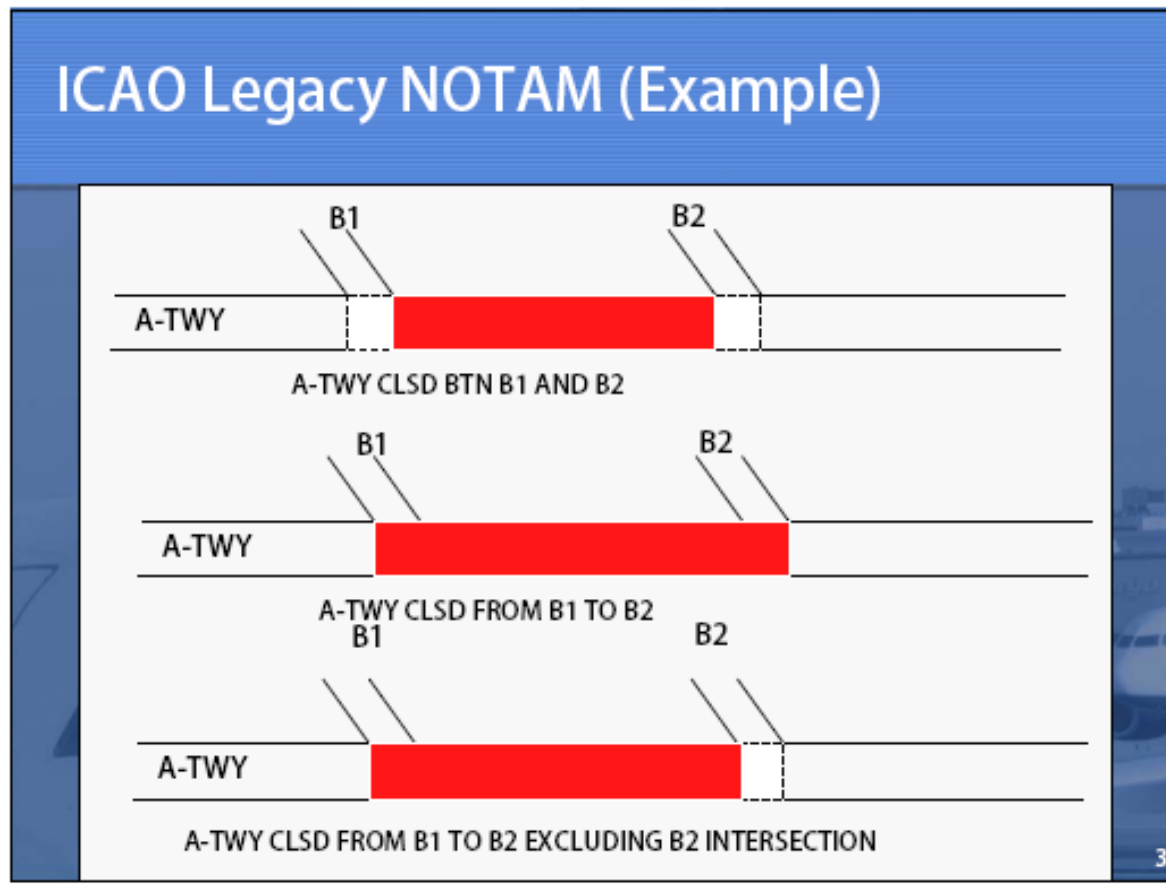
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Airbus thinks Digital NOTAM will be of high interest when available for pilots, increasing efficiency and safety,

Japan Civil Aviation Authority

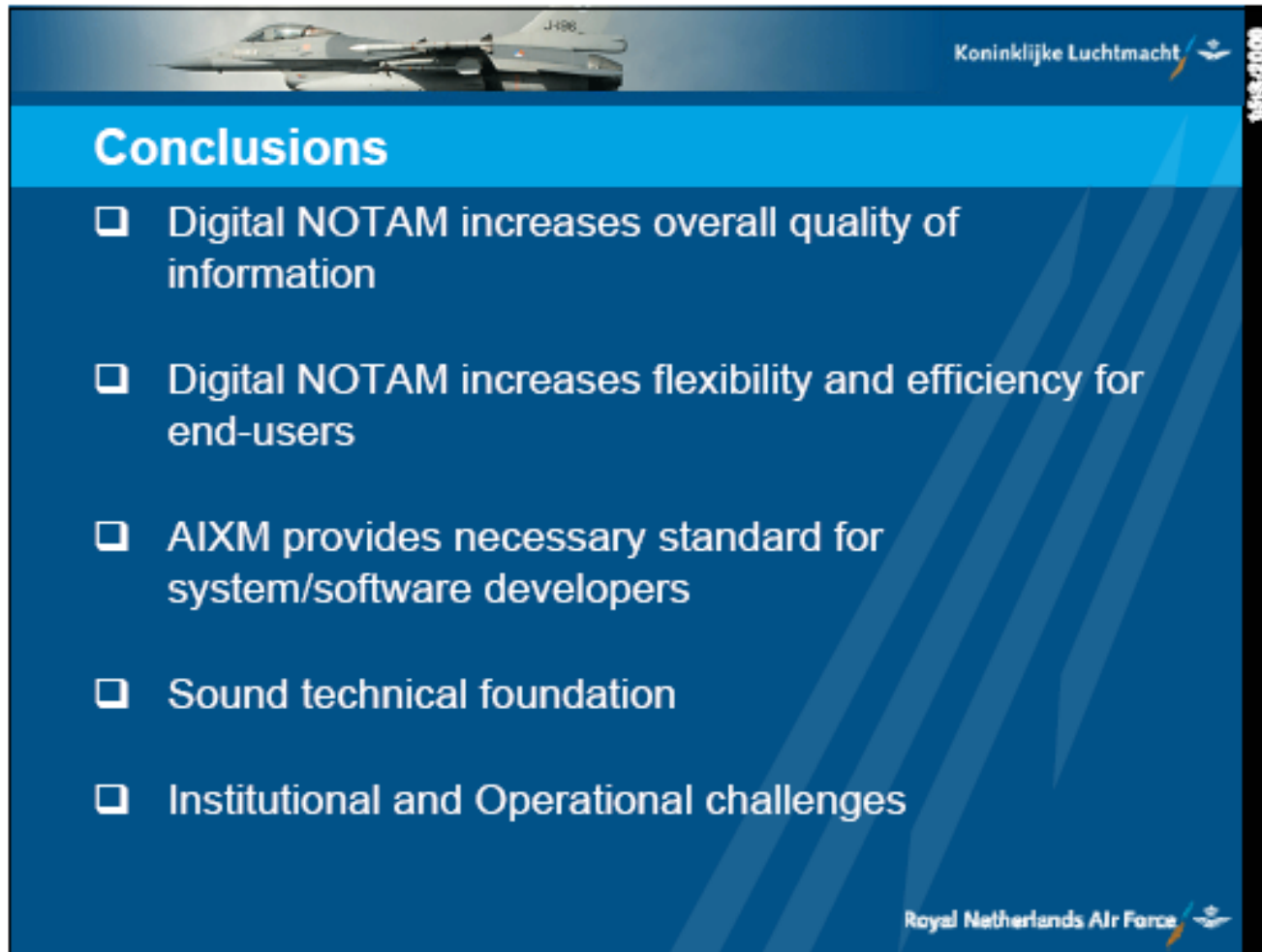



Digital NOTAM solution to “NOTAM confusion”

Reduce cost impacts to airlines

Initiating study project


Royal Netherlands Air Force



Koninklijke Luchtmacht 

Conclusions

- Digital NOTAM increases overall quality of information
- Digital NOTAM increases flexibility and efficiency for end-users
- AIXM provides necessary standard for system/software developers
- Sound technical foundation
- Institutional and Operational challenges

Royal Netherlands Air Force 

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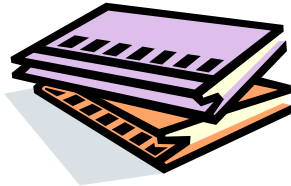
From Paper to Digital

*Concepts in the modernization of
aeronautical information at the FAA and
globally*

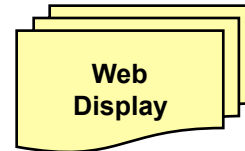


Introduction concepts

- **Products are presentations (Views) of data**
 - Effective at date of publication
- **The primary users of [paper] products are humans**
 - Machines have to interpret products to extract underlying data



Publications

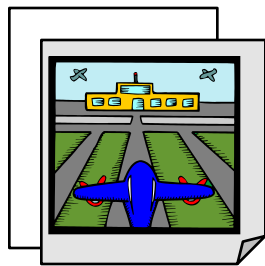


Hypertext

- **The real value is in the data**
 - The product is just the presentation

What is a NOTAM?

- Notice that the published information has changed
- **NOTAM – Notice to Airmen**
 - ABC 09/027 ABC RWY10/28 CLSD 10/28 200809120400 200909220400



**Aeronautical Information
Identification & Operation**

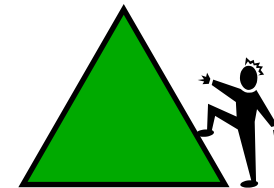
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Period of Validity

12 Sep 0400 GMT
22 Sep 0400 GMT

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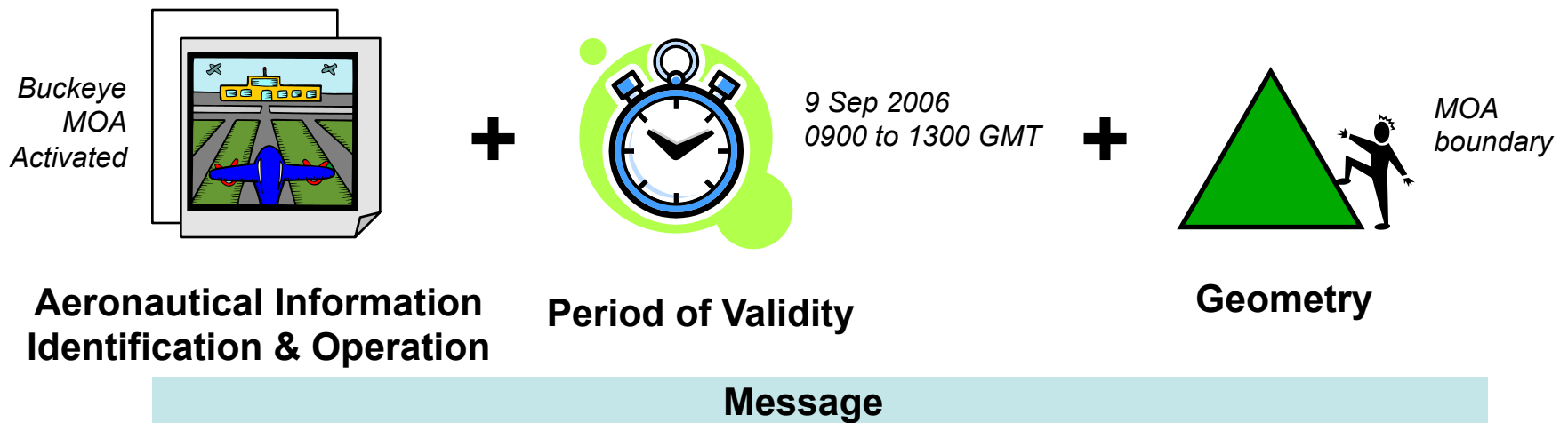
Geometry

Message

Another notice

Military Airspace Status

- **SUA Status – Special Use Airspace status**
 - Buckeye Military Operation Area (MOA)
 - Activated 0900 to 1300 on Sep 9 2006

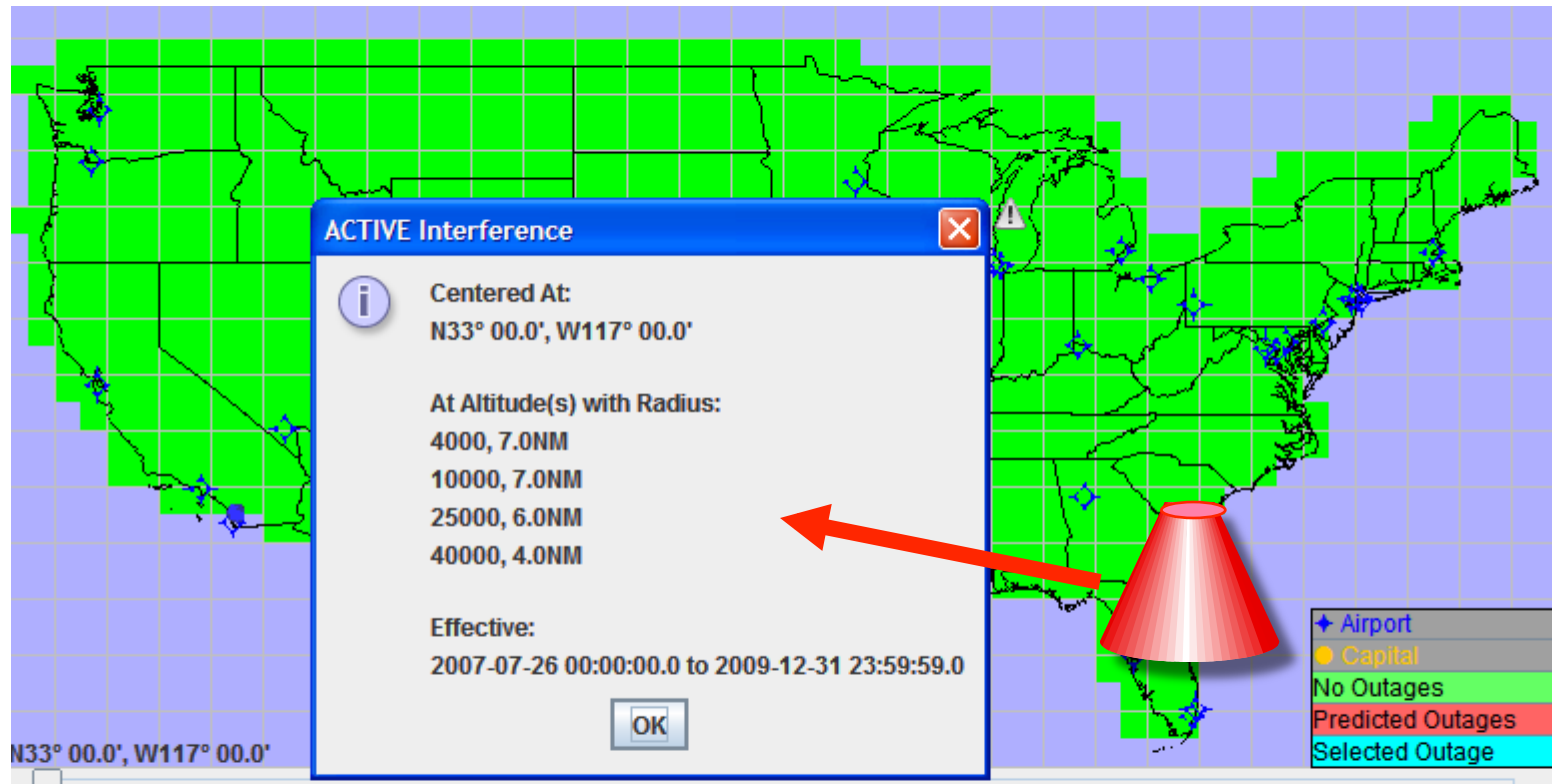


What about other FAA products?

- **Products (Historically Text based)**
 - NOTAM: Runway is Closed for a certain time
 - SUA: Buckeye MOA is Active for a certain time
 - CARF: Temporary Restricted Airspace
 - GPS/WAAS: GPS Unreliable in Coverage area until further notice
- **Common Themes**
 - Identification and Operation [What]
 - Period of Validity [When]
 - Geometry [Where]
- **The examples above all describe something that is happening to a piece of airspace, but it could be an airport, navaid or any other component of the National Airspace System (NAS)**



New data cannot be depicted in traditional NOTAM products



GNSS Interference for Performance Based Navigation

Summary of Concepts

- **Common method for communicating status of aeronautical information**
 - SAA, NOTAM, CARF, GNSS/RAIM
- **Computer language for communicating digitally**
 - Who, What, Where
- **Benefits users and stakeholders**
 - One stop shop, computer-assisted evaluation, improved filtering and sorting



Web Site

www.aixm.aero

AIXM
Aeronautical Information Exchange Model

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Aeronautical Information Exchange

The Aeronautical Information Exchange Model (AIXM) is designed to enable the management of Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) data.

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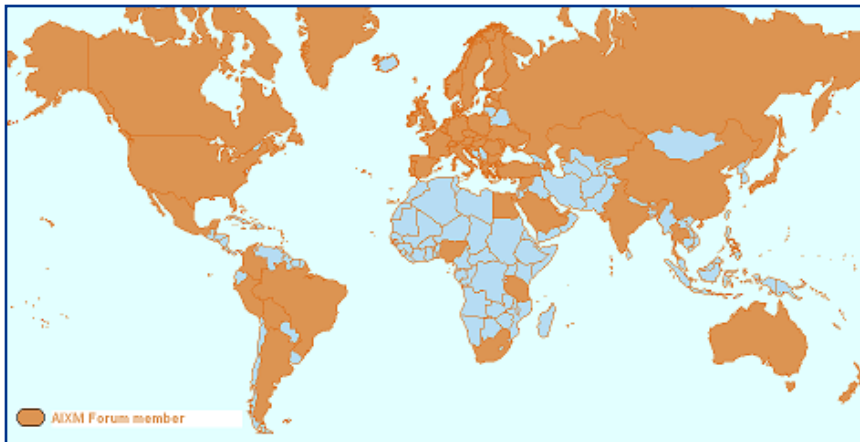
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- Design Documents
- Model Details
- AIXM 5 Forum
- Digital NOTAM

AIXM History

A Strategy for Co-operative Change



- **Global Standard for Aeronautical Information**

- 1990's Initiated by EUROCONTROL (AIXM 3.x)
- 2003-2005 Partnership with FAA (AIXM 4.x)

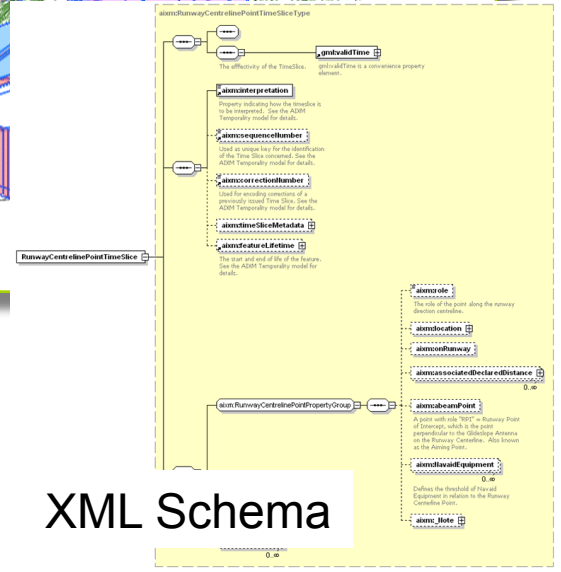
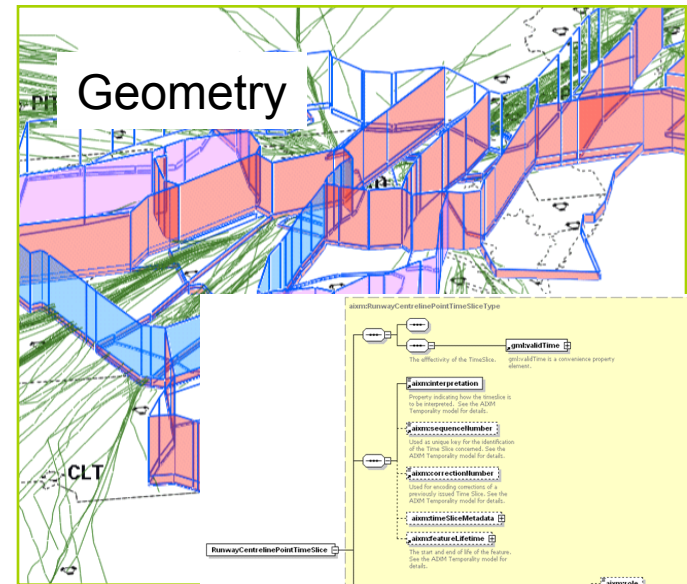
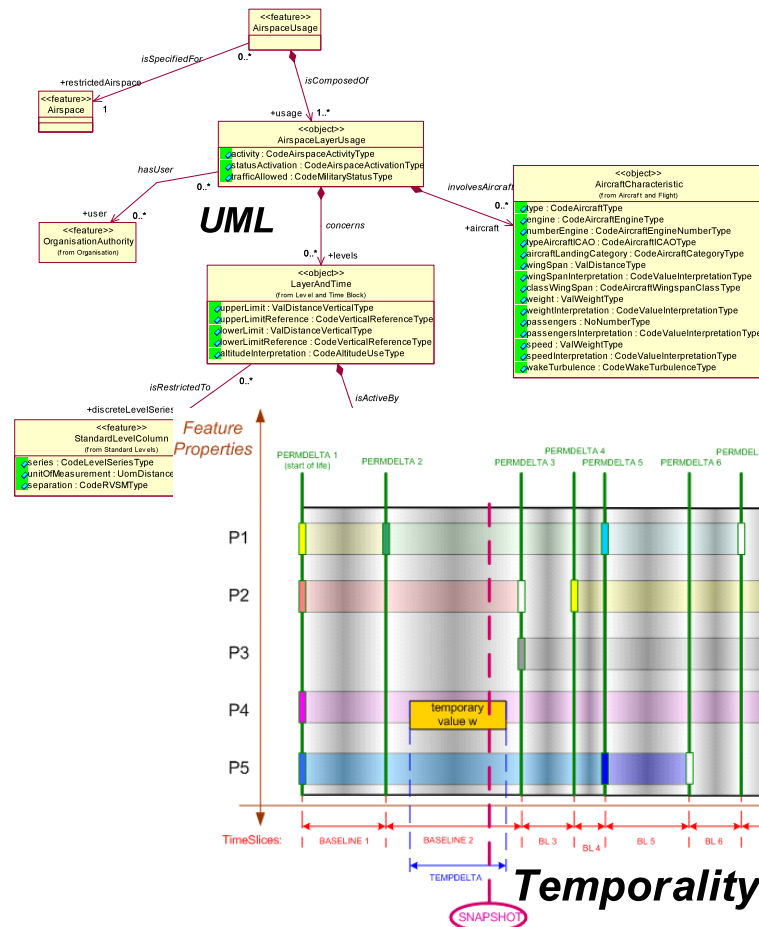
2006 Global AIM Congress and the announcement of AIXM 5

2006-2007 Progressive adoption – Japan, Canada, US, others...

2008 AIXM 5 Release

2009 the Digital NOTAM concepts

AIXM components

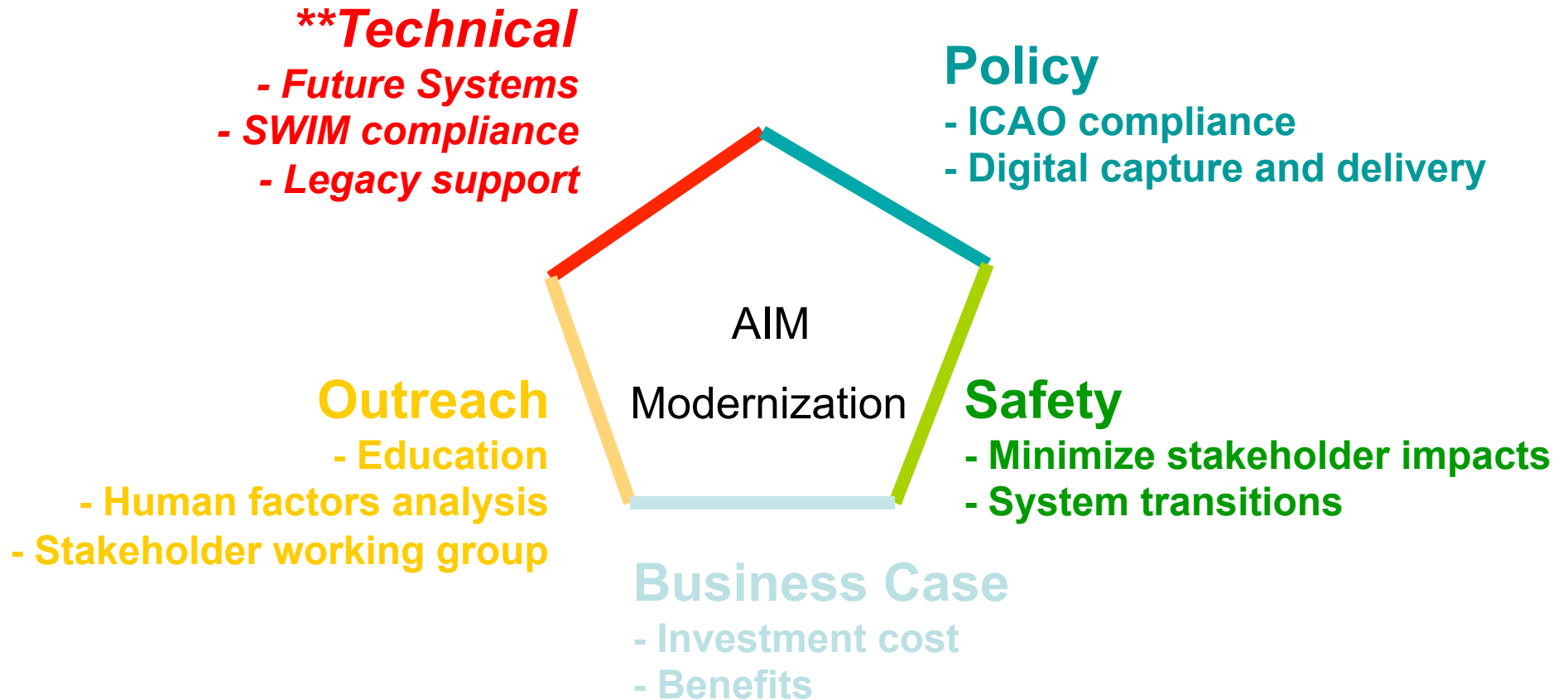


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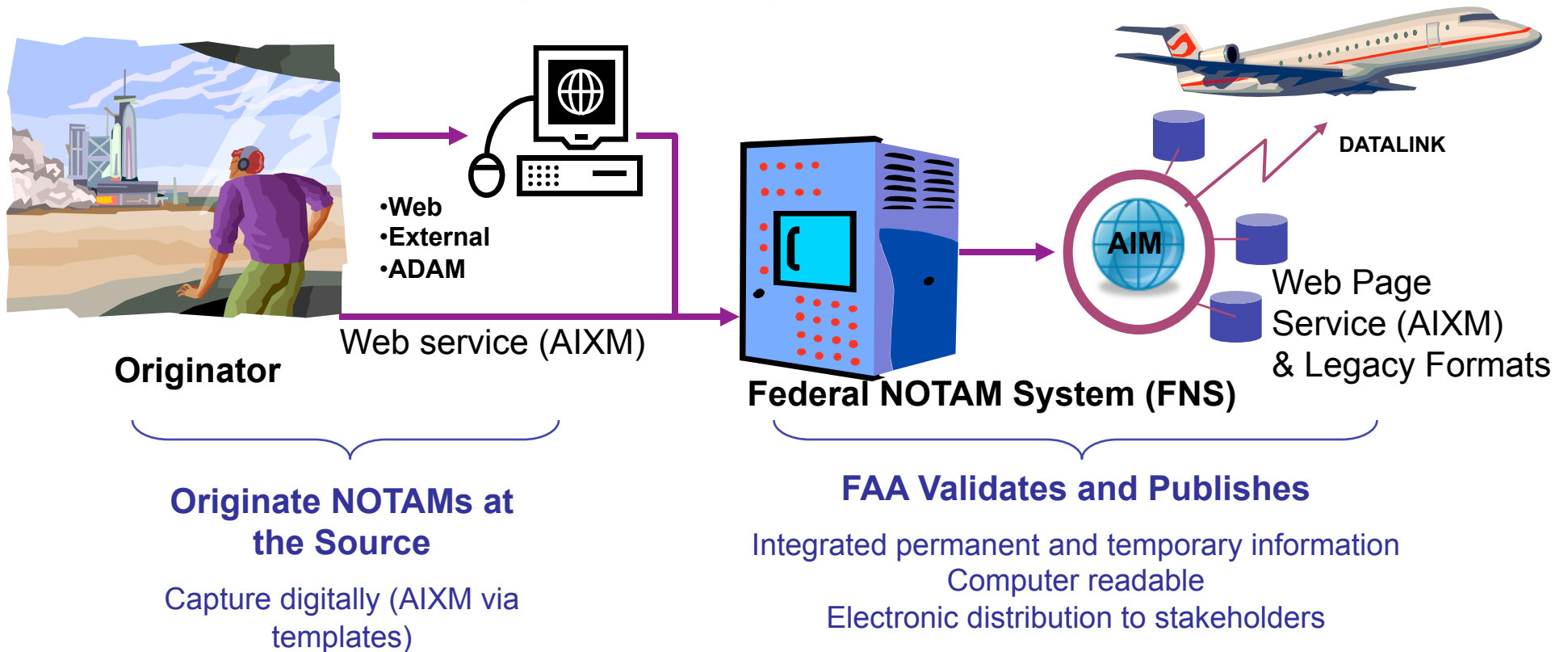
*Transition to Digital NOTAM (AIXM) and
ICAO compliance*



AIM Modernization - Plan



New Concept of Operations



AIXM = Aeronautical Information Exchange Model

The Digital Goal

- **Sort - Order the data**
- **Filter – Extract with geographic, temporal, or logical criteria**
- **Transpose – Convert data to graphic**
- **Alert - Evaluate the data and take action**
- **Fuse – Ability to merge multiple datasets**



Multiple views of data

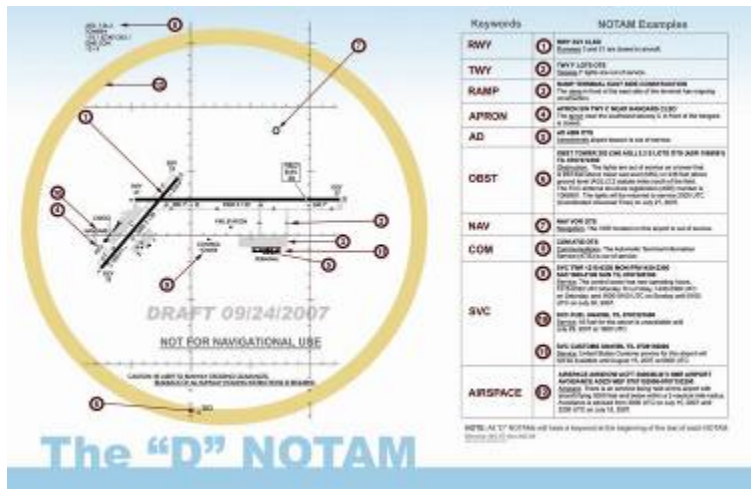
<p>View A →</p> <p>View C →</p>	<p>Traditional US NOTAM format:</p> <p><i>!MCN CCO 14/32 CLSD/PARL TWY 3000X75 AVBL DAY VMC/NO TSNT/NO PLA/NO STUDENT</i></p> <p>Geo-referenced Display:</p>	<p>Plain Language NOTAM Format ←</p> <p>View B</p> <p>NOTAM Number: 5/3232 Issue Date: Nov 10, 2005 Location: Newnan Coweta County Airport (CCO) Beginning: Effective immediately Ending: Until further notice</p> <p>Affected Area(s): Runway: 14-32 Status: Closed</p> <p>Taxiway: 14-32 Parallel Status: Open Length: 3000 ft Width: 75 ft Operating Hours: Sunrise to Sunset</p> <p>Usage Restrictions: 14-32 Parallel Flight Rules: Visual Pilots: Certified Only (No Students) Restriction: No practice low approaches</p>
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Data enables Functions **Query** **Filter** **Transform** **Alert**

Initial Policy Change

Effective January 28, 2008

- Created keywords for all Domestic NOTAMs for improved sorting and parsing
 - AD
 - NAV
 - RWY
 - AIRSPACE
 - OBST
 - SVC
 - APRON
 - (O)
 - TWY
 - COM
 - RAMP
 - (U)



- Runway condition
 - !MIV 05/123 MIV RWY 10/28 CLSD 0709021200-0709021600
- Taxiway status
 - !RDU 05/123 RDU TWY A CLSD BTWN A1, A2 TIL 0709011600
- Ramp status
 - !MEM 05/123 MEM RAMP PAEW FEDEX CARGO EAST

NOTAM Policy Goals

- **ICAO Compliance**
 - Joint Canadian and United States approach
- **Coverage for all NOTAM types currently issued in the US**
 - Safety of flight information
- **Accommodate 650K annual issued NOTAM**
 - Minimize roll-over 9999 >> 0001
- **Accommodate transition to Digital NOTAM**
- **Accommodate distribution and visualization requirements of all stakeholders**



Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA)

- **FAA Safety Management System (SMS) Process**
 - Hazard Identification
 - Existing Controls
 - Hazard Severity
 - Hazard Likelihood
 - Hazard Mitigation



Hazard Analysis Outcome

- **H1.0 - User failed to obtain NOTAM.**
- **H2.0 - User Retrieves and Uses Corrupted NOTAM (without awareness)**
 - NOTE: Corrupted data includes NOTAM data that failed to be cancelled appropriately.
- **H3.0 - For a given Military Altitude Reservation (ALTRV), one or more users receive different information than the others.**

Federal NOTAM System mitigates all these hazards to low risk

Quantified Benefits

- **Reduction in accidents caused by NOTAM interpretation**
 - \$2.8M annually
- **Efficiency for NOTAM entry**
 - Airport Operators - \$0.3M annually
 - Flight Services - \$1.8M annually
- **Efficiency in data collection and interpretation costs – situational awareness**
 - Airline dispatch - \$2.0M annually
 - Pilot/Flight Planning (General Aviation) - \$XXM annually
- **Efficiency in system operations**
 - US Government - \$4.0M annually



Conclusions

- **NOTAM Modernization is a step towards overall transition to digital aeronautical information**
 - Special Activity Airspace
 - GNSS/RAIM
 - ...
- **Industry Day**
 - Discuss FAA's modernization strategy

