

**AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM  
Charting Group  
Meeting 08-01 – April 23-24, 2008**

**RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT**

**FAA Control # 08-01-205**

**Subject: Detailed Change Data Published on the LA TAC & Flyway Chart**

**Background/Discussion:** For many years the Southern California Airspace Users Working Group subcommittee has recommended that a Notice of Changes be added on a previously blank panel on the LA TAC for users to be aware of regulatory and safety changes to the chart. Attached is an example of a possible format – that the information is disseminated is the important matter.

Nearly every FAA navigational publication and all major, non-FAA publications, such as Jeppesen, California Guide to Airport, and Flight Guide, have detailed change data.

**Recommendations:** Place a Notice of Changes description on a previously blank panel of the Los Angeles TAC, listing all changes made during that 6-month chart cycle.

**Comments:**

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**MEETING 08-01:** Ms. Candy Robinson of the Southern California Airspace Users Group (SCAUG) submitted this issue. Ms. Francie Hope, FAA/Western Service Center briefed the issue to the ACF. The SCAUG has recommended that a Notice of Changes be added on a currently blank panel on the Los Angeles TAC for users to be aware of regulatory and safety changes made to the chart since the previous edition. The recommendation further stated that nearly every FAA navigation publication and all major non-FAA publications, such as Jeppesen, have detailed change data published on the face of the chart. In fact, FAA charts and publications are *not* appended with change lists and those published by Jeppesen provide only skeletal and by no means detailed information.

Ms. Donna Gallant, NACO/Visual Chart Team Manager, stated that if implemented on one chart, all charts would have to be done and that not all charts have a blank panel available. Furthermore her team simply doesn't have the resources to handle such an effort. Ms. Valerie Watson, FAA/NACO, commented that major changes to the charts are already published in the Chart Bulletin section of the Airport/Facility Directory. Mr. John Moore, FAA/NACO, added that the NACO philosophy has always been for pilots/navigators to treat a chart as if it were the first time viewing it. Lance Christian, DoD/NGA commented that the military also subscribes to that philosophy. Military pilots are required to review all available information before a flight. Ted Thompson, Jeppesen, remarked that his company expects pilots to review the entire chart even though they highlight changes in general terms. Their charts are published on an as-revised basis only. The current CAD system NACO uses to update most of the visual charts would not provide the needed change information. Mr. George Sempeles, FAA/NFDC recommended that the SCAUG revisit the issue in 5 to 10 years when a new chart compilation system is expected to be in place. Currently there's no practical way to list the changes. Mr. Jacques Beaudry, NAV Canada, commented that they are considering going to a publish-when-revised method as Jeppesen does. Mr. Beaudry agreed to report back to the ACF at a later date. As far as the statement in the recommendation about nearly every FAA navigation publication having detailed change data – that was considered inaccurate. Ms. Hope recommended closing the issue due to NACO's inability to comply at this point in time, and revisit it in the future per Mr. Sempeles recommendation..

**CLOSED.**