

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 20/23

NAVAID MODERNIZATION PROGRAM: INTERIM PHASE

NAV CANADA, the country's provider of civil air navigation services, conducted an aeronautical study that reviewed the requirements for non-directional beacons (NDB) and very-high frequency (VHF) omnidirectional range (VOR).

The study concluded that given the comprehensive radar surveillance coverage, and the capabilities of area navigation (RNAV) with global navigation satellite system (GNSS) equipped aircraft, many navigation aids (NAVAID) are no longer required and should be decommissioned.

Where a current NAVAID identified in the study serves as an instrument approach aid or anchors an airway segment, NAV CANADA will ensure that an RNAV (GNSS) instrument approach procedure (IAP) or RNAV airway segment is published, where required, before the identified NAVAID is removed.

Implementation is ongoing and will progress for the next several years. Subsequent aeronautical information circulars (AICs) will be published for each upcoming phase.

The following NAVAIDs will be decommissioned:

Indicator	NAVAID Facility Name
WC	Abbotsford (White Rock) NDB
XX	Abbotsford NDB
QG	Windsor NDB

These changes will take effect on 05 October 2023 at 0901Z Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The appropriate aeronautical publications will be amended.

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