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The airtanker base frequency assignment of 123.975 MHz has been a common assignment used throughout the U.S. at all airtanker bases. In an annual review of airtanker 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 Airtanker Base Directory*. The assumption that 123.975 MHz is common for all airtanker bases can no longer be supported.

Frequency demands continue to increase and we are likely to see further changes to other airtanker 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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