

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
PHOENIX TERMINAL RADAR APPROACH CONTROL
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EFFECTIVE: January 13, 2011

PHOENIX TERMINAL RADAR APPROACH CONTROL LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 11-01

SUBJECT: VFR TRANSITION ROUTE ALTITUDES OVER PHOENIX SKY HARBOR AIRPORT

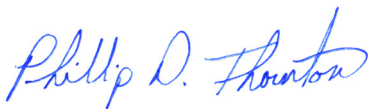
CANCELLATION: JANUARY 12, 2012

Currently, unplanned IFR missed approach aircraft climbing to 4,000' MSL over Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport may potentially conflict with VFR aircraft operating at 3,500'/4,000' MSL on the VFR East/West Transition Route.

This potential conflict exists because large, turbine-powered Instrument Flight Rules aircraft executing missed approach must climb to 4,000' MSL to reach Minimum Vectoring Altitudes. These aircraft must also be issued a diverging heading to separate them from other aircraft on final approach to an adjacent runway or from aircraft departing a parallel runway ahead.

In order to maintain safety and efficiency of airspace over Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport it has become necessary to route VFR aircraft through the Phoenix Class B airspace on the VFR East/West Transition Route at an altitude of 4,500' MSL or higher as assigned by ATC.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Curt Faulk, Operations Support Manager, Phoenix Terminal Radar Approach Control, at (602) 306-2514.



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