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SUBJECT: Pearson Class Delta Airspace Procedures

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The Federal Aviation Administration has initiated procedural changes for the Pearson Class Delta (VUO Delta) airspace and Pearson Field airport. The changes are due to air traffic safety hazards caused by the close proximity of Pearson Field Airport (VUO) and Portland International Airport (PDX).

Portland International Airport Traffic Control Tower (PDX Tower) is the controlling facility for the VUO Class Delta Airspace, and pilots may be instructed to remain outside the VUO Class Delta Airspace until given approval from PDX Tower to enter this airspace. Pilots should follow the procedures below to access the VUO Class Delta airspace:

- Obtain the VUO "one-minute" weather (VUO ASOS) on frequency 135.125. (If the VUO ASOS is unavailable PDX Tower can provide the latest VUO METAR observation when requested).
- Arrivals to Pearson Field must contact PDX Tower on frequency 119.0 prior to entering the Class Delta Airspace. You may be instructed to remain outside the VUO Class Delta Airspace until given approval to enter.
- Departures from Pearson Field must contact PDX Tower on frequency 119.0 prior to departure. You may be instructed to remain on the ground until given approval to enter the VUO Class Delta Airspace.

PDX Tower will approve access to the VUO Class Delta airspace based on air traffic. When PDX is on an east flow (landing RWY 10R/L) pilots may expect periodic delays accessing the VUO Class Delta airspace. In addition, there may be times when closed traffic/pattern work at VUO may be limited.

PDX Tower will provide traffic and wake turbulence advisories as appropriate on frequency 119.0. This frequency also serves as the VUO Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF). Pilots should make self-announced position reports on VUO CTAF as they would at any other non-towered airport.


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