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Subject: Pilot Deviations Associated with Van Nuys Airport (KVNY) Standard Instrument Departure Procedures (SID)

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It is imperative that pilots NOT commence a turn prior to being issued RADAR vectors from SOCAL TRACON.

There has been a significant increase in occurrences where departing aircraft are incorrectly flying Standard Instrument Departures at Van Nuys Airport (KVNY). A review of these occurrences reveal that they are the result of the aircraft commencing a turn on course **prior to being issued radar vectors** from the Southern California (SOCAL) TRACON (SCT) air traffic controller. In addition, there have been instances where aircraft executed the lost communication procedures even when in communication with Air Traffic Control (ATC).

It is imperative that pilots be thoroughly familiar with KVNY SIDS and ensure they are properly entered into aircraft Flight Management Systems.

It is imperative that pilots NOT commence a turn prior to being issued RADAR vectors from SOCAL TRACON.
Examples:

- *"After crossing the FIM 102 radial, fly heading 213 then expect radar vectors to IPIHO"*
- *"After crossing the FIM 102 radial, fly heading 113 then expect radar vectors to IPIHO"*
- *"After PPRRY, fly heading 110 then expect radar vectors"*

Pilots are reminded to be familiar with the lost communication procedures for the particular SID being flown and that lost communication procedures are NOT to be executed when the pilot is in communications with ATC.

Pilots will receive new advisories via Pre-Departure Clearances (PDC) and ATIS broadcasts reminding pilots to be thoroughly familiar with KVNY SIDs prior to departure. Example of new advisories:

- *"It is imperative pilots review Letter to Airmen (LTA #) regarding Van Nuys SIDS prior to departure"*

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