ISO Geodetic Registry

Item class Transformation

NGVD29 - NOHt to NAVD88 - OHt [v1]

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Author D.B. Zilkoski, J.H. Richards, G.M. Young

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definitive was every written, but this is most cited

Data source ISO Geodetic Registry
Remarks Grid Transformation

Operation version v1

Information source

Scope Spatial referencing

Operation accuracy 0.15 m

Source CRS NGVD29 - NOHt
Target CRS NAVD88 - OHt
Operation method VERTCON

Extent

Description	United States (USA) - onshore - western CONUS (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming).	
Geographic Bounding Box	West-bound longitude	-125.0
	North-bound latitude	50.0
	East-bound longitude	-102.0
	South-bound latitude	24.0

Operation parameter values

Height difference file vertconw.94	
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ISO Geodetic Registry

Item class OperationMethod

Name VERTCON

Item status VALID
Identifier 84

Alias Grid transformation using VERTCON 2.1

Data source ISO Geodetic Registry

Remarks The relationship between NGVD29 height and NAVD88 height vertical

coordinate reference systems for the coterminous US is available through three gridded data files of offsets (sometimes called height differences). The vertical offset at a point is first interpolated within the grid of values using bi-linear interpolation. The interpolated offset is then applied as an offset: • If a NAVD88 height is desired when a NGVD29 height is given, add the interpolated offset to the NGVD29 height. • If a NGVD29 height is desired when a NAVD88 height is given, subtract the interpolated offset from the NAVD88 height. Most horizontal positions of the bench marks used to generate the VERTCON grids were scaled from USGS topographic maps. The estimated uncertainty of the scaled positions, 6 arc-seconds, is greater than the differences between NAD27 and NAD83 coordinates. Therefore the latitude and longitude used for interpolation of the grids can be referenced to either NAD27 or to NAD83(1986) or to any of the NAD83(NSRS) realisations (HARN, NSRS2007 or 2011).

Operation parameters

Height difference file