

Supplementary Aviation Weather Reporting Station Inspections in the Alaska Region

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1. Purpose. The purpose of this supplement is to establish an exception to the National Weather Service (NWS) policy requiring twice a year inspections at Supplementary Aviation Weather Reporting Stations (SAWRS). It also further defines the responsibility of the cooperator in providing transportation to the NWS inspector.

2. Description. Section 3.9 of Appendix D in NWSI 10-1301, Aviation and Synoptic Observations, describes inspections of SAWRS locations. It states that stations will be inspected twice a year by a representative of the supervising weather forecast office or the regional headquarters in compliance with Appendix C. It also states that SAWRS is a no cost program to the government, therefore inspection costs will be incurred by the cooperators. This includes transportation, meals, and lodging, if necessary.

3. Policy. In the Alaska Region, each SAWRS observing site will have a minimum of one annual inspection, providing there has been no change. Also, since this program is to be at no cost to the government, transportation to and from the SAWRS location will be provided by the cooperator on the same day, unless it is to the benefit of the government otherwise and agreed to in advance.