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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Weather Service Directives System (NDS)
Customers

FROM: David Caldwell, Director Office of Climate Water and
Weather Services

SUBJECT: Rescission of NWSI 10-804, *Pilot Reports*

The following document is rescinded from the NDS.

NDS Title: *Pilot Reports*
NDS Number: NWSI 10-804
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Summary: NWSI 10-804, *Pilot Reports*, has been recertified three times since the directive was converted from the Weather Service Operating Manual. There were no substantial changes during that conversion.

The mission of the NWS staff does not include contact with pilots. NWS forecasters have not briefed pilots directly since the early 1990s, and only indirectly receive information from flight crews via the FAA air traffic controllers in the Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCCs), or Flight Service Stations (FSSs). The FAA, by the JO7110.10, *Flight Services*, instructs that pilot reports be entered into the weather data system by FAA members. Therefore there is no longer any reason for NWS to maintain a directive on pilot reports.

Rescission of NWS10-804, based on the lack of requirements or need for NWS staff to collect or enter pilot reports into the data system, will not preclude a CWSU staff member from assisting the ARTCC staff with entering pilot reports using the FAA orders for format and procedures during periods of locally heavy workloads at an ARTCC.