

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Dissemination of Weather Information

- 1. Purpose of this Notice.** This notice provides guidance to FAA Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, Paragraph 10-3-1, Dissemination of Weather Information.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and the air traffic publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change removes HIWAS from the Acronym List as this service is no longer provided by Flight Service.
- 5. Procedures/Action.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, by changing the following paragraphs to read as follows:

10-3-1. DISSEMINATION OF WEATHER INFORMATION

Title through subparagraph b.1. – No Change

- 2.** Disseminate selective SIGMET, AIRMET, and CWA information on a need-to-know basis in accordance with the provisions of FAA Order JO 7110.65, Paragraph 2-6-6, Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory.
- 7. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, Technical Operations, and System Operations Services; ATO Safety; Mission Support Services; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service (AOV); the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA); Professional Airway Systems Specialists (PASS); National Association of Government Employees: (NAGE) and to interested aviation public.
- 8. Background.** Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service (HIWAS) is a legacy service that broadcasts hazardous weather advisories over a network of very high frequency omni-directional radio range (VOR) outlets across the continental United States (CONUS). Originally, a specialist created these broadcasts using a script. Today, the broadcast is made by a computer-based system using text to voice technology. Airborne pilots can access these recordings over select VOR outlets. Flight Information Service-Broadcast (FIS-B) replaces the current HIWAS broadcast with both a graphical and textual display of hazardous weather information right to the cockpit at lower altitudes and over a greater geographical area. For those pilots who have not yet adopted the latest technology, an advisory

alert broadcast will still be made to advise these pilots that adverse weather conditions exist and to contact Flight Service for additional information if needed.

for 
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