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**AIR FORCE WEATHER STANDARDIZATION
AND EVALUATION PROGRAM**

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AFI 15-180, 11 June 2002, is supplemented as follows:

This supplement expands on the guidance provided in AFI 15-180, *Air Force Weather Standardization and Evaluation Program*, and applies to all United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) organizations that provide or receive weather support. This document establishes policy and procedures for the implementation of the USAFE Weather Self-Inspection programs. This instruction is applicable to all USAFE weather units. This instruction does not apply to Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command units. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 37-123, *Management of Records* and disposed of in accordance with the Records Disposition Schedule (RDS).

1.5. (Added) Self-Inspection Program:

1.5.1. (Added) Combat Weather Team (CWT) leadership (officer and enlisted) will conduct a unit self-inspection within 90 days after initial assignment and thereafter, at least once a year.

1.5.2. (Added) Self-Inspection Kit (SIK) will be developed to assist CWT leadership with self-inspections. Recommended contents are:

1.5.2.1. (Added) Compliance Review Checklist (CRC). This is the primary tool for any self-inspection. The CRC is the primary inspection tool used by USAFE Air and Space Operations, Weather Division (HQ USAFE/A3W).

1.5.2.2. (Added) Special Interest Items (SII) and Weather Interest Items (WII), and documentation of actions taken.

1.5.2.3. (Added) Latest HQ USAFE/A3W staff assistance visit report and documentation of corrective actions taken.

1.5.2.4. (Added) Latest Air Traffic System Evaluation Program (ATSEP) report, if applicable, and documentation of corrective actions taken.

1.5.2.5. (Added) Self-inspection memos and documents used to initiate, record, follow-up, and close actions on the most recent self-inspection.

3.3.1. USAFE will conduct Air Force Weather Standardization and Evaluation Program (AFWSEP) visits as follows:

3.3.1.1. (Added) HQ USAFE/A3W will inspect the command's USAF Main Operating Bases (MOB) concurrently with the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program (ATSEP). These visits will be conducted on a 24-month cycle.

3.3.1.2. (Added) HQ USAFE/A3W will inspect Army support weather units as an independent team approximately once every 24 months. 7th Weather Squadron (7 WS) personnel may be called upon to assist in these evaluations.

3.4. AFWSEP Visit Notification Procedures. HQ USAFE/A3W will notify units scheduled for evaluation as follows:

3.4.1. (Added) HQ USAFE/A3W will send notice to the USAFE unit scheduled for evaluation 60 days in advance. Distribution will include the Operations Group Commander, Operations Support Squadron Commander, as well as the commander of the unit to be evaluated.

3.4.2. (Added) HQ USAFE/A3W will send notice to Army support CWTs scheduled for evaluation 60 days in advance. Distribution will include the 7 WS Commander as well as the commander of the unit to be evaluated.

4.2. **Evaluation Philosophy.** HQ USAFE/A3W will evaluate Army support CWTs with the Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA) Compliance Review Checklist (CRC) and the 7 WS supplemental checklist. The AFWA CRC will focus on "in-garrison" compliance and the 7 WS supplemental checklist will focus on deployed (tactical) readiness and operations.

4.2.1. Applicable inspection checklists are posted to the HQ USAFE/A3W web page <https://ows.sembach.af.mil/dow/dowo.htm>.

4.4. **Overall Unit Ratings.** In addition to the established overall unit rating criteria outlined in Table 4.1 of the basic publication, HQ USAFE/A3W will provide final ratings to evaluated units based on **Table 4.2. (Added)**. Units rated non-compliant (NC) will be re-evaluated 6 months after the initial NC evaluation.

Table 4.2. (Added) Unit Rating Criteria.

Outstanding	CI 90%-100% and zero sub-areas rated below 70%.
Excellent	CI 80%-89% and zero sub-areas rated below 70%.
Satisfactory	CI 70%-79% and no more than one sub-area rated below 70%.

4.5.1. Approximately 30 days prior to the visit, HQ USAFE/A3W will contact the CWT leadership to establish a time and place for the AFWSEP in-brief.

Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Abbreviations and Acronyms

USAFE—United States Air Forces in Europe

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

SIK—Self-Inspection Kit

CRC—Compliance Review Checklist

SII—Special Interest Item

ATSEP—Air Traffic System Evaluation Program

MOB—Main Operating Base

AFWA—Air Force Weather Agency

CRC—Compliance Review Checklist

NC—Non-Compliant

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