

policy statements and statements of concern of the AMS

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Currently Approved Statements

The Hurricane Problem, A Statement of Concern (July 2, 1976), *BULLETIN*, August 1976, p. 996.

Statement on Weather Forecasting (September 30, 1976), *BULLETIN*, December 1976, p. 1460.

Statement on Potential Atmospheric Impact of Chlorofluorocarbon Emissions (September 30, 1976), *BULLETIN*, December 1976, p. 1462.

Flash Floods—A National Problem, A Statement of Concern (January 29, 1978), *BULLETIN*, May 1978, p. 585.

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