

EDITORIAL ON REFERENCING

The editorial staff has initiated a new, hopefully easier to understand and easier to enforce policy relating to references in the *Journal of Applied Meteorology*. This is effective with this issue. We ask your indulgence and attention to these rules. This policy supersedes that stated in Editorial 2, published in the February 1978 issue of the JOURNAL.

The new rules are as follows:

1. Anything from a refereed scientific and technical journal, report or book can be referenced in the format described on the inside cover of the JOURNAL.
2. Papers from unrefereed publications including preprints, symposia and proceedings are *not* acceptable for referencing, and generally not for footnoting. Under very unusual circumstances, to be supported by an author's explanation, the Editor will consider such material as a footnote.
3. Technical reports, typically agency or institutional documents, or contract or grant reports that are unrefereed outside the initiating organization, and/or are largely not available, can be footnoted. However, a maximum limit of such footnotes to this type of report is six per paper. The style to be used is identical to that for references (see inside back cover of any issue of JAM).

These measures have been adopted for two major reasons. First, many readers of the *Journal of Applied Meteorology* are "outside" the atmospheric sciences community and they do not have access to many "in-house" publications. Furthermore, they are unable to perceive what articles are refereed or not, particularly those from preprints and proceeding papers. Secondly, there is a growing tendency for many authors who write preprint-type papers to not bring their papers to final fruition by submitting them to refereed journals. We think this is particularly true of papers in the area of applied meteorology. We perceive this to be a growing and unfortunate trend in the atmospheric sciences and one that will ultimately harm the advancement of the science in an orderly and sound fashion.