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Docket No. FAA-98-4390 - 23  
400 Seventh St., SW  
Rm. Plaza 401  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank the FAA and everyone involved for their efforts in developing this long awaited rule change. We will soon be able to fly IFR on days that we would have had to scud-run in marginal VFR conditions. This will increase our margin of operational safety and better utilize the unique characteristics of the helicopter.

We prefer Option 2-Partially Tabular Format. This contains the wording "weather reports and/or prevailing weather forecast". The use of "prevailing weather" vs. "chance or slight chance" of certain weather conditions would further facilitate our use of the air traffic control system.

This is a very positive start to changes in the way helicopters are allowed to operate within the ATC.

Sincerely,



Robert Truckenmiller  
Chief Pilot