

APPENDIX II. FREQUENTLY USED WORD CONTRACTIONS

A	
about	ABT
above	ABV
above ground level	AGL
above sea level	ASL
across	ACRS
acting	ACTG
active	ACTV
advance	ADVN
advise	ADZ
advisory	ADVY
affect	AFCT
after	AFT
after dark	AFDK
afternoon	AFTN
again	AGN
ahead	AHD
aircraft	ACFT
air mass	AMS
airport	ARPT
airway	AWY
aloft	ALF
along	ALG
alternate	ALTN
altitude	ALT
amount	AMT
analysis	ANLYS
approach	APCH
around	ARND
atmospherics	SFERICS
average	AVG

B	
backing	BCKG
become	BCM
before	BFR
before dark	BFDK
begin, began	BGN
behind	BHND
below	BLO
beneath	BNTH
better	BTR
between	BTN
beyond	BYD
blizzard	BLZD
border	BDR
boundary	BNDRY
break	BRK
brief	BRF

broken	BRKN
build	BLD

C	
ceiling	CIG
center	CNTR
central	CNTRL
change	CHG
clear	CLR
clear air turbulence	CAT
clear or scattered clouds and visibility greater than 10 miles	CAVU
cloud	CLD
coast	CST
condition	COND
confine	CFN
considerable	CSDRBL
continue	CONT
cover	CVR

D	
daybreak	DABRK
daylight	DALGT
decrease	DCR
deep	DP
deepening	DPNG
degree	DEG
delay	DLA
dense	DNS
develop	DVLP
diffuse	DFUS
diminish	DMSH
dissipate	DSIPT
distant	DSNT
district	DIST
ditto	DO
downslope	DNSLP
drift	DKFT
drizzle	DRZL
during	DURG

E	
elsewhere	ELSW
ending	ENDG
entire	ENTR
evening	EVE
except	EXCP
expect	EXPC
extensive	EXTSV
extreme	EXTRM

F	
falling	FLG
feet; foot; Fort	FT
filling	FILG
flurry	FLRY
follow	FLW
forecast	FCST
forenoon	FORN
forward	FWD
freeze	FRZ
frequent	FQT
from	FM
frontal passage	FROPA
frontal surface	FROSFC
frost	FRST
frozen	FRZN
further; farther	FTTHR

G	
general	GEN
gradual	GRDL
ground	GND
ground fog	GNDFG

H	
hailstones	HLSTO
half	HLF
hear, here, hour	HR
heavy	HVY
height	HGT
high	HI
however	HWVR
hundred	HND
hurricane	HURCN

I	
icing	ICG
icing in clouds	ICGIC
icing in precipitation	ICGIP
icing in clouds, in precipitation	ICGICIP
immediate	IMDT
important	IMPT
improve	IPV
increase	INCR
indefinite	INDEF
indicate	INDC
information	INFO
intense	INTS
intensify	INTSFY
interior	INTR
intermittent	INTMT
isolated	ISOLD

J	
jet stream	JTSTR

K	
knot or knots	KT

L	
later	LTR
layer	LYR

level	LVL
light	LGT
likely	LKLY
limit	LMT
little	LTL
little change	LTLCC
local	LCL
lower	LWR

M	
maritime	MRTM
maximum	MAX
mean sea level	MSL
middle	MID
midnight	MIDN
mile or miles	MI
minimum	MIN
mixed	MXD
moderate	MDT
morning	MRNG
mountain	MTN
move	MOV

N	
nautical mile or miles	NMI
night	NGT
numerous	NMRS

O	
obscure	OBSC
observe	OBS
occasional	OCNL
occlude	OCL
occluded front	OCFNT
occlusion	OCLN
occur	OCR
off shore	OFSHR
on shore	ONSHR
other	OTR
outlook	OTLK
over	OVR
overcast	OVC
overrun	OVRN

P	
partly	PTLY
passing, passage	PSG
period	PD
persist	PRST
portion	PTN
position	PSN
possible	PSBL
precipitation	PCPN
prevail	PVL
prognostic; prognosis, progress	PROG

R	
ragged	RGD
rapid	RPD
reach	RCH
region	RCN

remain	RMN
repeat	RPT
restrict	RESTR
retard	RTRD
return	RTRN
ridge	RDG
rising	RSG
rough	RUF
route	RTE

S

scattered	SCTD
second; section	SEC
sector	SCTR
several	SVRL
severe	SVR
shallow	SHLW
shift	SHFT
shower	SHWR
sleet	SLT
slight	SLGT
slope	SLP
slow	SLO
small	SML
smoke	SMK
smooth	SMTH
snow	SNW
solid	SLD
somewhat	SMWHT
spread	SPRD
squall	SQAL
squall line	SQLN
stable	STBL
steady	STDY
storm	STM
strong	STG
surface	SFC
system	SYS

T

temperature	TEMP
temporary	TMPRY
tendency	TNDCY

terminal	TRML
terrain	TRRN
thereafter	THRFT
thick	THK
thin	THN
thousand	THSD
through	THRU
throughout	THRUT
thunder	THDR
thundershower	TSHWR
thunderstorm	TSTM
today	TDA
tomorrow	TMW
tonight	TNGT
top of overcast	TOVC
topping	TPG
toward	TWD
trough	TROF
turbulence	TURBC

U

unrestricted	UNRSTD
unstable	UNSTBL
until	TIL
upper	UPR
upslope	UPSLP

V

valley	VLY
variable	VRBL
veer	VR
visibility	VSBY

W

warm	WRM
wave	WV
weak	WK
weaken	WKN
weather	WX or WEA
widely	WDLY
will	WL
wind	WND