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### **A Statement from the Meteorological Society of Japan on recent reduction in capabilities in meteorology and atmospheric science in the United States**

The Board of Directors, the Meteorological Society of Japan

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The members of the Board of Directors of the Meteorological Society of Japan (MSJ) are deeply concerned about recent and ongoing rapid reduction in capabilities in scientific research and academic activity in the United States. We, the MSJ as a platform for the meteorology and atmospheric science community in Japan, are specifically concerned by the impacts on the community for meteorology and atmospheric science research, education, and forecasting operations in the United States, such as a large number of the workforce reduction at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) including the National Weather Service (NWS). NOAA and NWS play crucial roles in preventing and mitigating disasters from extreme weather and climate events and in providing valuable information for climate change adaptation. Their roles are critically important not only for the United States but also for the international weather agencies. Furthermore, their roles are not achieved without close cooperation and collaboration with the academic community not only in the United States but also worldwide. We fully agree with and support the statements [“The U.S. Weather Enterprise: A National Treasure at Risk”](#)<sup>1</sup> and [“Science Helps You Thrive: Strong U.S. Scientific Leadership Raises Us All”](#)<sup>2</sup> issued by the American Meteorological Society (AMS).

We understand that there are numerous US government employees who have contributed to and will be contributing to the activity of the AMS. We are very much concerned about the above-mentioned recent challenges the AMS is now facing. Numerous MSJ members join the AMS conferences/meetings, publish papers in the AMS journals, and collaborate and communicate with members of the AMS. There are numerous MSJ members who are at the same time members of the AMS. Members of the MSJ have benefited from the research and academic activities of the AMS.

As one of the international meteorological research societies, we would strongly support the AMS activities and the meteorology and atmospheric science community in the United States. We will always stand with the colleagues and friends of the AMS and the meteorological community in the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://blog.ametsoc.org/2025/03/03/the-u-s-weather-enterprise-a-national-treasure-at-risk>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/about-ams/ams-statements/statements-of-the-ams-in-force/science-helps-you-thrive-strong-u-s-scientific-leadership-raises-us-all>