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**Safety Recommendation:**

United Airlines should review its guidance material to Flight Crew on the optimal use of Airborne Weather Radar during flight in or near areas of actual or forecast convective cloud activity.

**Response:**

6 October 2016:

United Airlines Responded to the AAIU by email advising that "At United Airlines, training is provided for the effective use of weather radar systems and proper storm analysis as a part of every Pilot Basic Indoctrination (BI), Qualification (Q), and Requalification (RQ) course. Pilot Continuing Qualification (CQ) curricula update, review, and reinforce this training. Every pilot is required to complete Continuing Qualification Distance Learning (CQDL), a self-study training comprised of three segments per year. The third CQDL segment each year includes a weather radar module designed to aid our pilots in the adherence to our weather avoidance policies, and to reduce the probability of injury to our customers and fellow employees. Every aircraft Flight Manual (FM) includes a system description, operational procedures, and display interpretation for the weather radar. In addition, our Flight Operations Manual (FOM) outlines policies and procedures for thunderstorm and turbulence avoidance. The FM guidance was reviewed, and United Airlines has determined that the current information in that manual provides our pilots with appropriate procedures. United Airlines did update the CQDL training in 2015 to emphasize optimal use of the Airborne Weather Radar."

**AAIU Comment:**

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be "Implemented, Closed"