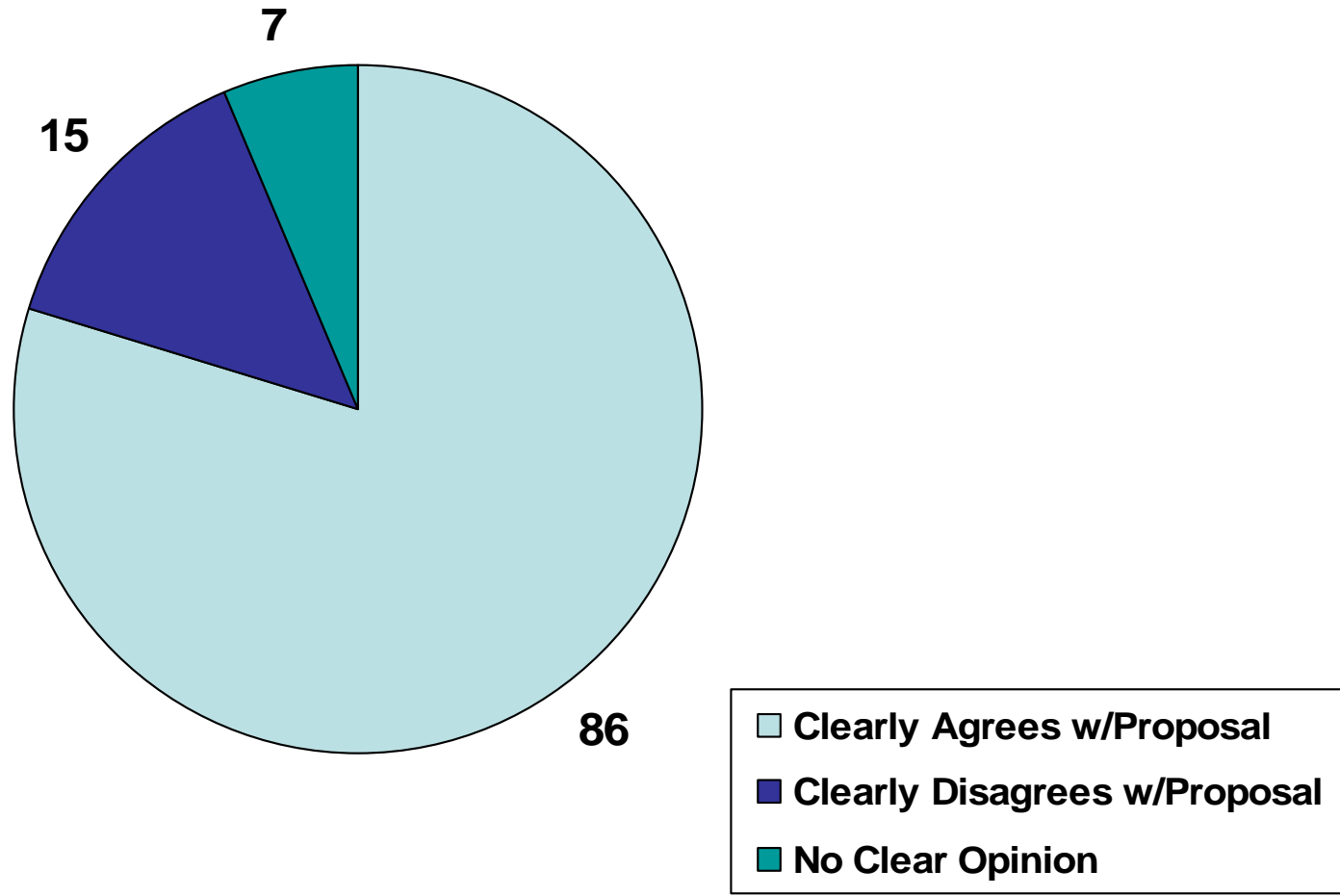


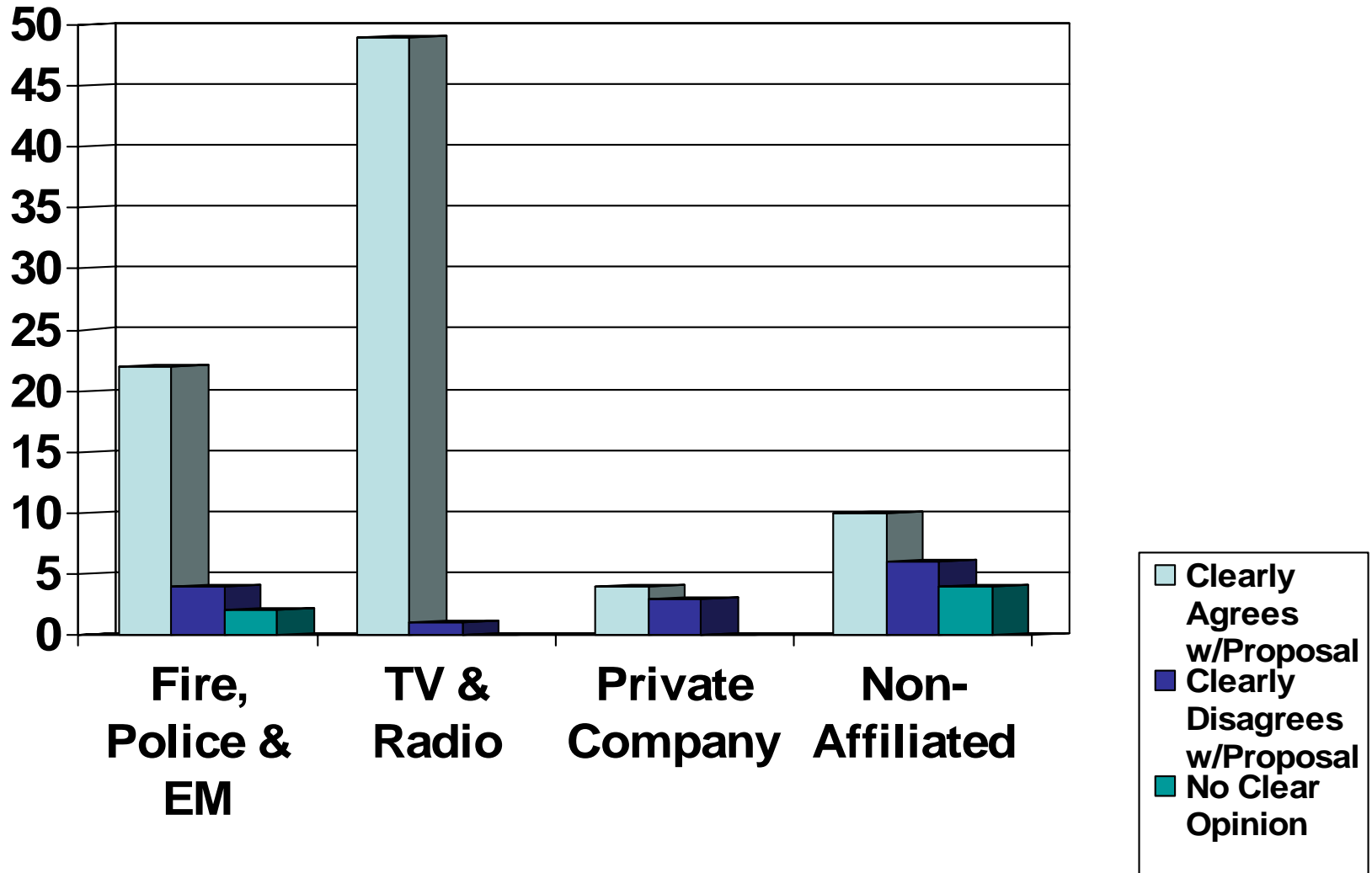
Summary of Comment Process

- Original Public Information Statement (PNS) sent on February 28.
- Over 100 comments received through April 9, 2008.
- Of those who expressed an opinion, 85% supported the proposed changes.
- Large majority of respondents were broadcasters & Emergency Managers.

Total Number of Responses - 108



Responses by Affiliation



Sample Comments From Supporters

- This would greatly reduce map display inconsistencies at Weather Forecast Office boundaries in cases where expected meteorological conditions are essentially the same.
- Specificity has been useful for some, but the general public likely does not understand the distinction between different types of winter watch, warning and advisory products.
- The proposed changes are much easier to disseminate.
- Please do this - the hazard maps have become so confusing.

Sample Comments and Responses From Those Who Disagreed

- 1) **The proposal works against what the VTEC was designed to do.**

Response:

- *True, some codes will no longer be used.*
- *But comments strongly support they should not be.*

- 2) **Sleet should keep it's own designation.**

Response:

- *It's very rare for sleet to meet warning criteria.*
- *Sleet is usually a transition type.*
- *Snow and sleet have similar impacts.*

Sample Comments and Responses From Those Who Disagreed

- 3) Would require opening the notice or read further to determine why the warning or advisory was issued.**

Response: Event specific information will be prominently found in the first line of the text, which is generally read by broadcast meteorologists and announcers.

- 4) Mobile phone text alerts may rely on what the product is called, without being able to present the text.**

Response: This is a valid concern - we will work to remedy this via the use of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) and new NWS warning software to be developed.