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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST...AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
235 PM EDT MON MAY 3 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
/EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND
EMPLOYEES

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: AMENDED: NOAA/NWS PROPOSED POLICY ON PARTNERSHIPS IN THE
PROVISION OF WEATHER...WATER...CLIMATE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION: PUBLIC COMMENT EXTENDED FROM MAY 14 2004 TO JUNE 30 3004

REFER TO: [PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT SENT FEBRUARY 19 2004](#)...SIMILAR
SUBJECT

ON FEBRUARY 19 2004...THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
/NOAA/ SENT OUT A PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT ANNOUNCING A PERIOD OF
PUBLIC COMMENT ON ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING THE INFORMATION ACTIVITIES
OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ AND POTENTIALLY OTHER NOAA
PROGRAMS. THIS NEW PROPOSED POLICY IS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE
EXISTING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT...ACADEMIA AND THE PRIVATE
SECTOR... WHICH PROVIDES THE NATION WITH HIGH QUALITY WEATHER...
WATER...CLIMATE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION.

THE PERIOD DURING WHICH COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IS BEING EXTENDED UNTIL
JUNE 30 2004 TO ALLOW A MORE COMPLETE DIALOGUE ON THE PROPOSED POLICY.

THE PROPOSED POLICY RESPONDS TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL
RESEARCH COUNCIL'S /NRC'S / STUDY "FAIR WEATHER: EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS
IN WEATHER AND CLIMATE SERVICES". THE NRC STUDY IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR
A POLICY THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENACTMENT OF
RELEVANT LAWS AND POLICIES...PARTICULARLY THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF
1996...44 USC PART 45...AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET /OMB/
CIRCULAR NO. A-130..."MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL INFORMATION RESOURCES"...61
FR 6428 /FEBRUARY 20 1996...WHICH OCCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO THE PREVIOUS NWS
PARTNERSHIP POLICY ISSUED IN 1991.

SEE BELOW FOR ONLINE AVAILABILITY OF THE NRC STUDY AND OMB CIRCULAR NO.
A-130.

YOU MAY ACCESS THE DRAFT NOAA/NWS POLICY STATEMENT AND PROVIDE COMMENTS
UNTIL MAY 14 2004 AT THE FOLLOWING WEB ADDRESS /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/FAIRWEATHER/POLICY.PHP](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/fairweather/policy.php)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NOAA/NWS POLICY IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/FAIRWEATHER/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/fairweather/)

NRC'S STUDY "FAIR WEATHER: EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN WEATHER AND CLIMATE SERVICES" WAS PUBLISHED IN 2003 BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY PRESS...AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://BOOKS.NAP.EDU/CATALOG/10610.HTML/](http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10610.html)

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET /OMB/ CIRCULAR NO. A-130..."MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL INFORMATION RESOURCES"...61 FR 6428...DATED FEBRUARY 20 1996... IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/OMB/CIRCULARS/A130/A130TRANS4.HTML/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a130/a130trans4.html)

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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