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Subject: Release of NOAA Five Year Research and Development
(R and D) Plan on September 24, 2013

On September 24, 2013, NOAA released the NOAA Five Year Research and Development (R and D) Plan. The plan, the third of its kind at NOAA and the first to include development, will help guide the NOAA R and D portfolio from 2013-2017.

NOAA R and D continues to evolve with the needs of the nation and has been directed to increase our understanding of the oceans, coasts, climate and weather. NOAA seeks an understanding of the global ocean-atmosphere system, and the ecosystems it supports, to inform decision-making aimed at building a more sustainable society. This Five Year R and D Plan will:

- Guide the management of R and D projects by providing a basis for planning, tracking, and evaluating results
- Promote collaboration with partners inside and outside the Federal government to further serve society through NOAA's R and D enterprise

NOAA relies on stakeholder input and partnerships for a successful R and D enterprise. The content of this plan and the direction of R and D at NOAA is a reflection of our partnership with you. Your input helped us identify the R and D needs to better serve society.

We are excited to release the plan in an online, interactive and accessible format at

nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans/5YearRDPlan.aspx.

A PDF of the plan can also be found on the website.

Thank you for your valuable support throughout the process of

developing this plan and your continued engagement.

<http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/plans.html>

This is your opportunity to provide input into NOAA's R and D portfolio before the release of the final version this summer. Thank you for your valuable support and engagement.

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