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Subject: Due to Lack of Funds, NDBC Buoy 41012, Offshore
 St. Augustine, Florida, is No Longer Supported:
 Effective Immediately

The National Ocean Service (NOS) Coastal Storms Program (CSP) has discontinued sponsorship of National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) buoy 41012. This buoy is considered unfunded. Buoy 41012 is located about 40 nautical miles east northeast of St. Augustine, Florida, at coordinates 30.042 North, 80.534 West. The approximate location of the buoy is show in the link below.

<http://batchgeo.com/map/c741f75df1fc1a26fce45ddbale4ed7d>

Annual cost to operate this buoy is about \$60,000, plus U.S. Coast Guard support to service it. At this time, the buoy is fully operational and transmitting data. If problems with data transmission develop, there is no funding to repair the buoy and it will no longer transmit data. There is no way to determine how long the data will be available.

Buoy 41012 was deployed in June 2002. The CSP is not an operational program and typically does not provide long term funding for projects. The CSP and NDBC have been working together for the past few years to find an alternative funding source for this buoy but have been unsuccessful.

For more information on this buoy and its current data, see the link below.

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=41012

Please provide any comments to the following e-mail address with the subject line: Unfunded Buoy 41012:

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