

NATIONAL VERTICAL CONTROL NET

Proposed Action

MAY 7, 1973.

Elevations of marked points (benchmarks) in the National Vertical Control Net are based on the "Sea Level Datum of 1929." Since this datum was derived from the overall average sea, level of 26 tide stations, the official elevation at any particular one of these tide stations does not necessarily reflect the actual local "mean sea level." In order to avoid such apparent confusion and the costly errors that may result through failure to consider local sea level when engineering projects are undertaken, it is proposed to change the present name of the vertical control datum from the "Sea Level Datum of 1929" to the "National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929."

This change is proposed to be effective on or before July 2, 1973. Comments on this proposed action may be directed to the Director, National Ocean Survey, NOAA, Rockville, Md. 20852.

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