

**Affirmation of Datum for Surveying and Mapping Activities**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service, Charting and Geodetic Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Charting and Geodetic Services (C&GS), National Geodetic Survey Division, has completed the redefinition and readjustment of the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27), creating the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). The interagency Federal Geodetic Control Committee (FGCC) affirmed NAD 83 is the official civilian horizontal datum for U.S. surveying and mapping activities performed or financed by the Federal Government. Furthermore, to the extent practicable, legally allowable and feasible, all Federal agencies using or producing coordinate information should provide for an orderly transition from NAD 27 to NAD 83.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Federal Register notice published on June 29, 1979 (FR Doc. 79-20169, Vol. 44, No. 127) by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provided notice of the establishment of a new Datum (NAD 83) to which the geographic and plane coordinate values for the National Network of Horizontal Geodetic Control would be referenced. For all published horizontal stations in the National Geodetic Reference System, NAD 83 values of geodetic position (latitude and longitude), and all subsequently derived plane coordinates are available from the National Ocean Service /National Geodetic Survey Division. For a discussion of the plane coordinate systems published, see the "Policy on Publication of Plane Coordinates" in FR Doc. 77-8847, Vol. 42, No. 57, March 24, 1977. The FGCC, chaired by the Director, C&GS, is mandated by the Office of Management and Budget to coordinate geodetic surveying performed or financed by the Federal Government.

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