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NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services,
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David L. Johnson has served as NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and Director of the National Weather Service (NWS) since January 2004. He is responsible for the day-to-day civilian weather operations of 122 local Weather Forecast Offices in the United States, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and Guam. He also leads operations in 13 River Forecast Centers, 9 National Centers for Environmental Prediction, and 21 Aviation Center Weather Service Units.

Under General Johnson's leadership, NOAA's National Weather Service provides timely, accurate, and focused daily forecasts and event-driven warnings to the American media, emergency managers, fire land managers, commercial weather partners, and the general public. Event driven warnings are issued for weather and natural hazards such as hurricanes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash floods, winter storms, extreme fire weather conditions, and tsunamis. NOAA's National Weather Service is a leader in the application of weather research to operational meteorology and hydrology in the areas of radar, satellite, environmental modeling, and homeland security. The 4,600 people of NOAA's National Weather Service recently received a highly commendable score of "84" from the general public in an American Customer Satisfaction Index survey conducted by the University of Michigan.

During his tenure, he has overseen the agency's response and services during record breaking tornado and hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005 respectively. U.S. Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina issued a personal report card for the NWS's services during Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, presenting an "A" grade for the advance warnings. General Johnson has also spearheaded a drive to create a multi-hazards prevention and mitigation capability, especially with regard to tsunami warnings.

Prior to becoming NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and Director of NOAA's National Weather Service, General Johnson served for 30 years as a United States Air Force officer.

General Johnson is an honor graduate of the University of Kansas and earned his masters degree from Webster University. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Silver Spring, Maryland.