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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Publication of North American Datum of 1983 State Plane Coordinates in feet in Nebraska

**AGENCY:** National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) will publish North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) State Plane Coordinate (SPC) grid values in both meters and U.S. Survey Feet (1 ft = 1200/3937 m) in Nebraska, for all well defined geodetic survey control monuments maintained by NGS in the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) and computed from various geodetic positioning utilities. The adoption of this standard is implemented in accordance with NGS policy and a request from the Nebraska State Surveyor, Nebraska Department of Roads, the Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska.

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the Publication of North American Datum of 1983 State Plane Coordinates in feet in Nebraska, should do by January 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the attention of David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, Office of the National Geodetic Survey, National Ocean Service (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, fax 301-713-4324, or via e-mail [Dave.Doyle@noaa.gov](mailto:Dave.Doyle@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, National Geodetic Survey (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; Phone: (301) 713-3178.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Abstract

In 1991, NGS adopted a policy that defines the conditions under which NAD 83 State Plane Coordinates (SPCs) would be published in feet in addition to meters. As outlined in that policy,

each state or territory must adopt NAD 83 legislation (typically referenced as Codes, Laws or Statutes), which specifically defines a conversion to either U.S. Survey or International Feet as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Standards in Federal Register Notice 59-5442. To date, 48 states have adopted the NAD 83 legislation however, for various reasons, only 33 included a specific definition of the relationship between meters and feet. This lack of uniformity has led to confusion and misuse of SPCs as provided in various NGS products, services and tools, and created errors in mapping, charting and surveying programs in numerous states due to inconsistent coordinate conversions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### U.S. Climate Change Science Program Revised Research Plan Summary

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Publication of U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Revised Research Plan Summary and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 104(f) the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (GCRA), the U.S. Climate Change Science Program Revised Research Plan Summary is being published in the **Federal Register** for a 60-day public comment period. The public comments received on the Revised Research Plan Summary will be considered during the preparation of the final Revised Research Plan as well as the Scientific Assessment document required by Section 106 of the GCRA. The final version of the full Revised Research Plan will be published on the CCSP web site. Public comments received on the Revised Research Plan Summary will be made available upon request.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by February 26, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** A formatted version of The U.S. Climate Change Science Program

Revised Research Plan Summary is available on the CCSP Web site at: <http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/stratplan2008/summary/default.htm> Comments should be sent to Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office at: [research-plan-summary@usgcrp.gov](mailto:research-plan-summary@usgcrp.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Patricia Jellison, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 223-6262

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Summary of Revised Research Plan for the US Climate Change Science Program (CCSP)

##### I. Introduction

About the Revised Research Plan

This Revised Research Plan is an update to the 2003 Strategic Plan of the US Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) (<http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/stratplan2003/final/default.htm>), a document which was developed via a thorough, open and transparent multi-year process involving a wide range of scientists and managers. A significant part of this process was the review of both the draft and final plan by the National Academy of Sciences ([http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11565](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11565) for the draft plan; [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=10635](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10635) for the final plan). These reviews played an important role in influencing the 2003 Strategic Plan's development.

The Strategic Plan has long-term value to CCSP, but like any strategic plan, it must be supplemented by shorter-term revisions that take into account both advances in the science and changes in societal needs, and CCSP has an ongoing long-range strategic planning process to ensure that these needs are met. The Revised Research Plan (hereinafter referred to as the Research Plan) draws on CCSP's long-range planning process and provides this update, in compliance with the terms of the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990.

In the Research Plan, the reader will find several things: (1) an updated statement of vision, goals and capabilities consistent with CCSP's current Strategic Plan but reflecting both scientific progress and the evolution of the Program based on accomplishments and evolving societal and environmental needs; (2) a description of the relationship of the Research Plan to the current Scientific Assessment; (3) highlights of ways in which the program