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1. The Scientist Emeritus program allows retired National Weather Service (NWS) scientists to contribute their time and wisdom to enhance NOAA Science, Services and Operational Research programs and serve the public.
2. The purpose of the Scientist Emeritus Program is for retired NWS scientists to utilize, on a volunteer basis, their expertise, intellect, and creativity in efforts that allow them to remain active in their science, services and operational research community, enhance the programmatic activities of the NWS, and serve the public.
3. The program is authorized under 16 U.S.C., Section 742f(c), which states:

“The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce may each recruit, train, and accept, without regard to the provisions of Title 5, the services of individuals without compensation as volunteers for, or in aid of programs conducted by either Secretary through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce are each authorized to provide for incidental expenses such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, awards (including nominal cash awards) and recognition, and subsistence of such volunteers without regard to their places of residence.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a volunteer shall not be deemed a Federal employee and shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those relative to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits.

For the purpose of the tort claim provisions of Title 28, a volunteer under this subsection shall be considered a Federal employee.

For the purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of Title 5, relating to compensation to Federal employees for work injuries, volunteers under this subsection shall be deemed employees of

