



# NOAA

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## Proposed NOAA FY2012 Reorganization

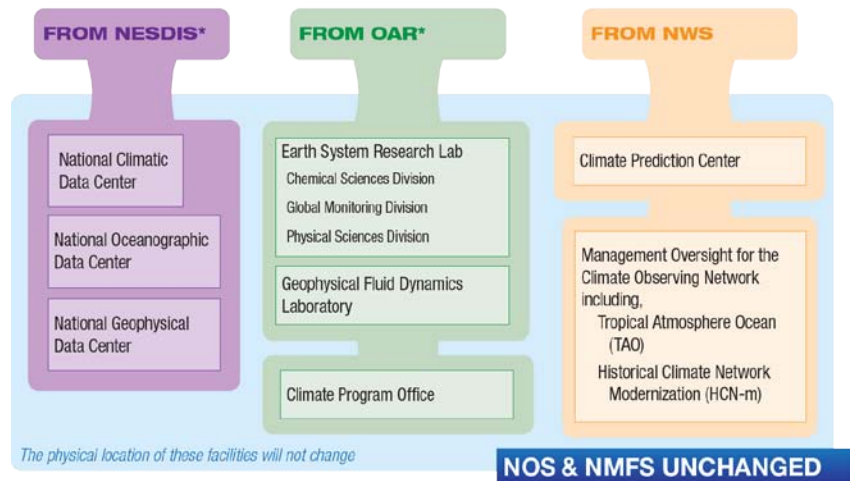
NOAA's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request ([www.noaa.gov/budget](http://www.noaa.gov/budget)) includes a budget neutral reorganization that establishes a Climate Service line office in NOAA, strategically realigns the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), and consolidates some headquarters planning functions.

### A Climate Service in NOAA

Consistent with the Department of Commerce's authority under the National Climate Program Act (15 U.S.C. §2901, *et seq.*), the principal goal of this reorganization is to bring together NOAA's existing widely dispersed climate capabilities under a

single line office management structure to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rapidly increasing demand for *climate services* – easily accessible and timely scientific data and information about climate that helps people make informed decisions in their lives, businesses, and communities. The Climate Service will allow NOAA to provide a reliable and authoritative source for climate data, information, and decision-support services and to more effectively coordinate with other agencies and public and private sector partners. The new line office will strengthen and expand NOAA's contributions to climate science and services, creating a unified and responsive organization with broader reach than can be achieved today within the limitations of NOAA's existing climate structure.

## NOAA CAPABILITIES PROPOSED TO FORM A CLIMATE SERVICE



### Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

OAR will transfer three divisions from the Earth System Research Laboratory, the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory and the Climate Program Office to the Climate Service. NOAA will strategically realigning the remaining components of OAR to form a core research line office, OAR, that will help strengthen the agency's overall science enterprise. In doing so, OAR will renew and expand its role as the focus for long-term research in NOAA; an innovator and incubator of new science, technologies, and application, and an integrator of science and technology across all of NOAA to attain mission objectives.

### National Environmental Satellite Service (NESS)

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), will transfer all three of its Data Centers to the Climate Service, and be renamed the National Environmental Satellite Service (NESS). This will allow NESS to focus on the acquisition, operations and maintenance of NOAA's critical satellite infrastructure, and the Data Centers to align their climate work with the climate research and services communities while preserving a cohesive NOAA data architecture.



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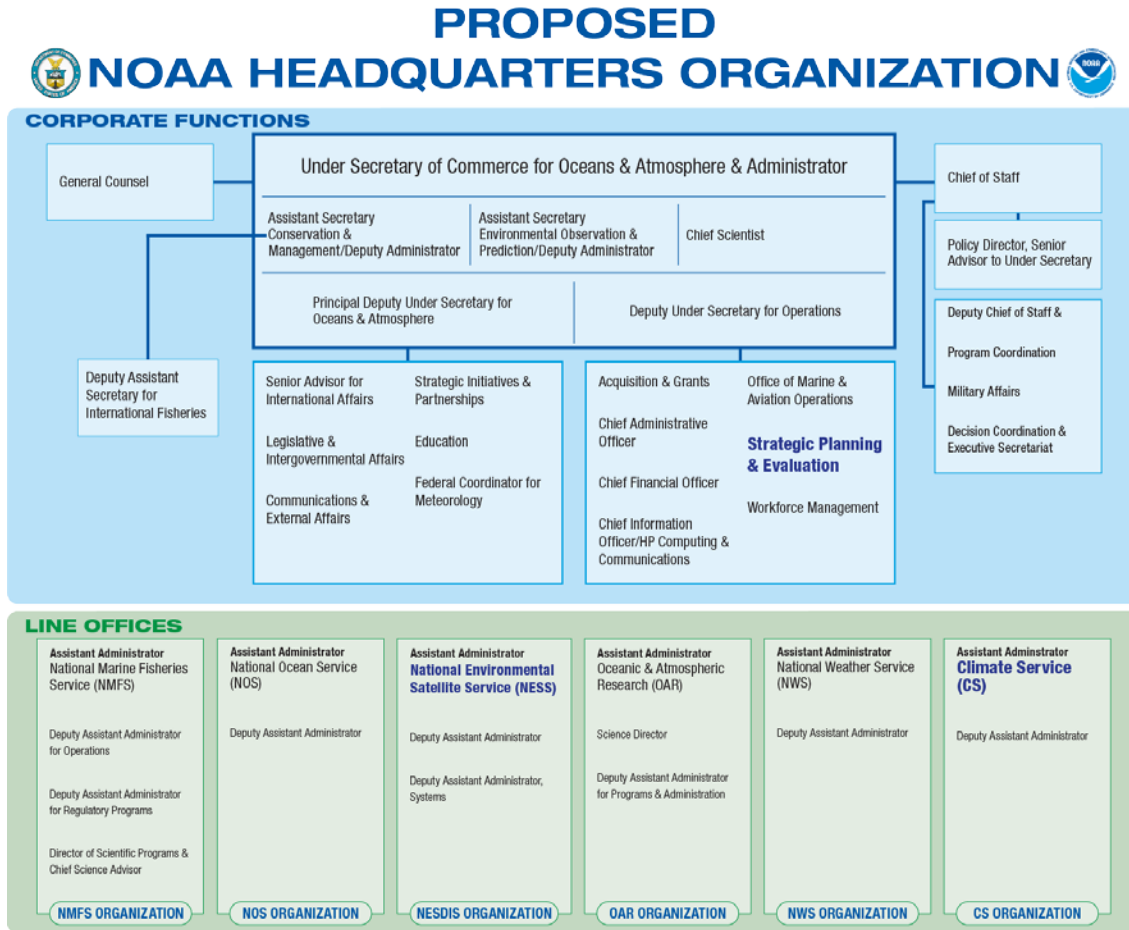
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## National Weather Service (NWS)

The National Weather Service (NWS) will transfer the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) and management responsibilities for two climate observing networks, the Tropical Atmosphere Ocean (TAO) array and the modernization of the Historical Climate Network (HCN-m) to the Climate Service. The NWS and the Climate Service will work closely together and with other NOAA line offices to ensure a seamless suite of weather and climate services – from minutes to decades – that are easily accessed and understood by our users.

## NOAA Headquarters

Finally, in NOAA headquarters, the reorganization will consolidate the existing NOAA Offices of Program Planning and Integration and Program Analysis and Evaluation to form a new NOAA Office of Strategic Planning and Evaluation, that will be housed under the Deputy Under Secretary for Operations. The NOAA Central Library will move from the National Oceanographic Data Center to the NOAA Office of the Chief Information Officer.



The reorganization does not affect the National Ocean Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, or Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. NOAA will continue to address all of its mission requirements. The zero sum realignment of resources within the current NOAA budget does not change staffing levels, require employee relocations, require physical relocation of programs or labs, require any new facilities, or increase the overall size of NOAA overhead. The Climate Service headquarters will be located in Silver Spring, MD.