

HANDBOOK TO NOAA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (NAO) 200-7 - APPENDIX A

ORGANIZATION LEVELS AND TITLES

Following are approved organization titles for NOAA components. Organizations not currently adhering to these titles may continue to use existing titles until such time they reorganize. Future changes must conform to these titles. It is also required that titles within an organization be consistent.

The first level of the organization is at the Bureau level which in this case is NOAA.

Second Level	Third Level	Fourth Level	Fifth Level	Sixth Level	Seventh Level
<p><u>Line Offices (LO's)</u>. Headed by an AA. NOAA's LO's are: National Weather Service National Marine Fisheries Service National Ocean Service National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Program Planning and Integration</p> <p><u>Office of Marine & Aviation Operations</u>. Headed by a Director.</p>	<p>-Office -Center -Region -Laboratory (OAR) -Staff (for support functions).</p> <p>Also acceptable for support functions: -Program; and -Unit.</p>	<p>-Division -Laboratory -Center -Office*</p>	Branch	Section	Unit
<p><u>Staff Offices (SO's)</u>. Report directly to the Under Secretary or Deputy Under Secretary.</p>	<p>-Office -Division</p>	<p>-Division -Branch</p>	<p>-Branch -Section</p>	<p>-Section -Unit</p>	

*The term Office may be used for geographically dispersed field units where there is historical precedent for the title, e.g., Weather Forecast Offices.