

ORDER OF SUCCESSION TO KEY NOAA POSITIONS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

.01 This Order establishes the specific orders of succession for key personnel. These personnel will assume responsibility for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) essential functions at relocation sites when activated in the event of war or national emergency.

.02 The emergency line of succession, as required by this Order, will be implemented to whatever degree is necessary to assure the continuity of leadership, direction and essential functions of NOAA in an emergency as described in paragraph .01 of this Section.

.03 Significant changes in this revision are the pre-designation of a NOAA official who will assume charge of NOAA Continuity of Operations Plan operations at the relocation site pending arrival of senior leadership and a full update to the listings of succession in the Appendix.

SECTION 2. GENERAL BACKGROUND.

The U.S. Government maintains a war/emergency preparedness program which includes involvement of nonmilitary federal departments and agencies. In the event of war or activation of the emergency preparedness program, NOAA procedures referenced herein go into effect. Specific personnel will assemble at relocation sites for the purpose of conducting NOAA functions necessary for continuity of operations during a national emergency situation.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES.

National legal authorities and references NOAA complies with and implements are defined in the following documents:

- a. National Security Presidential Directive 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive 20, National Continuity Policy;

- b. Executive Order 12656, Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities, as amended;
- c. Department Organization Order 10-15, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of NOAA;
- d. Department Organization Order (DOO) 1-1, Mission and Organization of the Department of Commerce;
- e. Department Administrative Order (DAO) 210-10, Emergency Operations for Departmental Continuity; and
- f. Federal Preparedness Circular (FPC) 65, Federal Executive Branch Continuity of Operations (COOP).

SECTION 4. NOAA RESPONSIBILITY.

NOAA maintains plans and programs to assure the continuity of operations under all emergency conditions, including attack on the United States. The NOAA Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) contains detailed instructions governing NOAA's emergency activities. The plan is distributed to personnel listed in the Appendix to this Order.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY SUCCESSION TO KEY NOAA POSITIONS.

.01 The Appendix details the order of succession to key NOAA positions in the event a national state of emergency is involved. When the NOAA COOP is activated at the relocation site in a no-notice event, the Director of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) shall assume charge of NOAA COOP operations, maintaining communication with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere ("the Under Secretary") and/or senior leadership in the Under Secretary's succession chain as conditions allow. As the arrival of senior leadership occurs, the highest ranking incumbent assumes leadership of NOAA from those of lower rank who may have arrived beforehand.

.02 Persons shall not be eligible for succession to a higher position based upon their occupying a position in an "acting" capacity. In such event, the highest ranking incumbent present in the prescribed succession listing shall ascend to the higher position.

SECTION 6. CHANGES TO THE ORDERS OF SUCCESSION.

Assistant Administrators and other officials whose order of succession is listed in the Appendix must coordinate proposed changes with the Director, Homeland Security Program Office. Proposed changes are effective immediately upon concurrence by the Director, Homeland Security Program Office. Updates to the Appendix reflecting the orders of succession then in effect will be issued periodically.

SECTION 7. EFFECT ON OTHER ISSUANCES.

This Order supersedes NOAA Administrative Order 210-5, dated May 6, 2003.

/Signed/

Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere

Attachment: Appendix

Office of Primary Interest:
Office of the Chief Information Officer and High
Performance Computing and Communications
Homeland Security Program Office

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UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE

1. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
2. Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere
3. General Counsel
4. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere
5. Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
6. Chief Administrative Officer
7. Chief Financial Officer
8. Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
9. Assistant Administrator for Weather Services
10. Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research
11. Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management
12. Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services
13. Director, National Climatic Data Center

GENERAL COUNSEL

1. Deputy General Counsel (Fisheries Management and International)
2. Deputy General Counsel (Oceans and Atmosphere)
3. Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries
4. Regional Counsel for Southeast Region
5. Senior Counselor for Atmospheric and Space Services and Research
6. Senior Counselor for Natural Resources

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR WEATHER SERVICES

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Director, National Weather Service Central Region
3. Director, Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services
4. Director, Office of Science and Technology
5. Director, Office of Hydrologic Development
6. Director, Office of Operational Systems
7. Chief Financial Officer

APPENDIX

ORDER OF SUCCESSION TO KEY NOAA POSITIONS (In Event of War or National Emergency) (continued)

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR OCEAN SERVICES AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Chief of Staff
4. Technical Director
5. Policy Director
6. Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
7. Director, Office of Coast Survey
8. Director, Coastal Service Center - Charleston, SC

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR SATELLITE, DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator, Systems
3. Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
4. Director, National Climatic Data Center
5. Director, Office of Satellite Operations
6. Director, Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution
7. Director, Office of Systems Development

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs
3. Director, Scientific Research and Science Advisor
4. Director, Office of Law Enforcement
5. Director, Southeast Regional Office, St. Petersburg, FL
6. Director, Northwest Regional Office

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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Programs and Administration
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes/
Director, Earth System Research Laboratory
3. Chief Financial Officer
4. Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION

1. Executive Officer
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator
3. Director, Strategic Planning Office
4. Deputy Director, Strategic Planning Office

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS

1. Deputy Director
2. Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Center
3. Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
4. Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center, Atlantic
5. Commanding Officer, Aircraft Operations Center, Tampa, FL

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

1. Deputy Chief Information Officer
2. Director, Information Systems Management Office
3. Director, Planning, Policy and Analysis Office
4. Director, IT Operations Office
5. Director, IT Security Office
6. Director, Homeland Security Program Office
7. CIO, National Severe Storms Laboratory

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
2. Director, Real Property, Facilities, and Logistics Office
3. Director, Logistics Division
4. Director, Project Planning and Management Division
5. Director, Real Property Management Division
6. Chief, Project Planning and Management Division, Western Region

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Finance Officer
2. Chief, Accounting Operations Division
3. Budget Officer
4. Chief, Western Region Financial Management Division

DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

1. Deputy Director, Workforce Management Office
2. Director, Client Services Office
3. Director, Oceans Client Services Division
4. Director, Ecosystems Services Office

DIRECTOR, ACQUISITION AND GRANTS OFFICE

1. Deputy Director, Acquisition and Grants Office
2. Chief, Policy and Oversight Division
3. Chief, NESDIS Acquisition Division
4. Chief, Eastern Region Acquisition Division

DIRECTOR, PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

1. Deputy Director
2. Lead Analyst