



**Congress Approves the Department of Commerce Reprogramming
Request for the National Weather Service**

(June 28, 2012) The Department of Commerce's reprogramming request for the National Weather Service received final approval of Congress last night, June 27, around 5 pm. There will be no furloughs this year. However, furloughs and reductions in force may be necessary at the beginning of 2013 or in subsequent years as a result of the sequestration provisions of last year's budget reduction act or as a result of the agency's plans to consolidate forecast offices, which are under development.

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