

## NWSEO Letter to House and Senate Appropriations Committees supports funding and staffing at NWS, NESDIS, and AOC

(June 19, 2017) The Administration proposes a reduction of 107 employees and nearly \$80 million in Operations, Research and Facilities in the NOAA FY18 Budget. NWSEO strongly opposes these cuts and is working to continue full funding of the National Weather Service and the Bargaining Units we represent.

In NWSEO's <u>letter to the members of the House and Senate Appropriations committees</u>, the Union cites an already dangerous 11 percent vacancy rate and highlights the degradation of service that will occur under the proposed to plans to merge the Tsunami Warning Centers, eliminate the ITO position, and reduce staff and funding at the NWS's Climate Prediction Center. NWSEO also supports funding and staffing at the NESDIS, Office of Satellite Products and Operations and funding for the Aircraft Operations Center which recently forced to relocate from the MacDill AFB in Tampa to the Lakeland Regional Airport.

NWSEO'S letter to House and Senate Appropriations committees is available at: <a href="http://nwseo.org/Four%20Winds%202017/NWSEObudget\_views\_FY18.pdf">http://nwseo.org/Four%20Winds%202017/NWSEObudget\_views\_FY18.pdf</a>

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