

From: Dan Sobien
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To: Nicholas Leivers
Subject: Re: SCH - Amended Proposal

NWSEO concurs with this as well as the pd with changes for the SCH position.

Dan

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From: Nicholas Leivers
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 5:07 pm
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Dan:

Based on conversations subsequent to our 5.24.07 proposal, Management wishes to withdraw the proposal and submit the following amended proposal.

Management intends to change staffing at our River Forecast Centers (RFC). We will create a Service Coordination Hydrologist (SCH), a GS-1315-14, Management position at each RFC. The position will work up to 25% operational shifts. The offset for the full time equivalent (FTE) will be a GS-1315-12 Hydrologic Forecaster position.

The SCH will lead the RFC efforts to (1) make customers and partners aware of NWS hydrologic capabilities, (2) seek out and understand customer needs, and (3) provide technical guidance to our customers. The SCH will provide WFOs with the technical guidance, presentation, and training assistance needed for effective hydro science outreach. The SCH will also be able to assist the Hydrologist in Charge (HIC) in interactions with collaborating partner agencies, including other organizations within NOAA.

The process for /initially/ filling these positions is as follows:

1. If there is a vacant GS-1315-13 or GS-1315-12 position at the RFC:
 - * A vacancy announcement for a GS-1315-14 SCH will be announced, open status only, local commuting area only. If no selection is made, the position will be re-posted as a GS-1315-13/14 SCH, open local commuting area only. If no selection is made, the position will be re-posted as a GS-1315-14 SCH open to status and non-status candidates. If the selection is made from an on-station GS-1315-13, a backfill will be made by recruiting for a GS-1315-13 local commuting area only.
2. If there is no vacant GS-1315-13 or GS-1315-12 position at the RFC, the SCH will be filled on a GS-1315-13 or GS-1315-12 vacancy at the RFC, according to the procedures set forth under #1 above.
3. Subsequent filling of SCH or other RFC positions will be according to existing statute, regulation, agreement, and/or policy.

The implementation date, dependent on RFC vacancies, would be no sooner than October 31, 2007. Thanks, Nick