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Hello—

I am a research scientist and the news lately about Dorian is confusing. The statement released by NOAA yesterday seems to imply that at the time the President tweeted a warning about Alabama, there was a credible threat (implied the ENTIRE state?)

But the NWS advisories at the time had decreased the threat and it appeared there was no imminent threat to AL.

So should I listen to the NWS field offices for tornados warnings and such? Can your agency make a more public statement about this confusion? As a taxpayer and a scientist, I want my tax sponsored science to be accurate. Until now, I have held the NWS in high regard but now not sure whom to believe. Can your office clarify how the public should proceed? Should we monitor and listen to the field offices or does the executive branch have better information than that being distributed by NOAA?

Impugning science, and I think the NWS is full of scientists, undermines our faith in systems that advanced societies rely upon, so please clarify. You are welcome to call me directly if that would be more efficient.

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