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From: Wendy Lewis - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:48 PM
To: O'Connor, Kasey (Federal); Hull, Cordell (Federal); Brebbia, Sean (Federal); Glacken, Meredith (Federal)
Cc: Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal; Nick Flocken; Luce, John (Federal); Stu Levenbach - NOAA Federal; Tanya Dobrzynski - NOAA Federal
Subject: Fwd: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian
Attachments: 9.5.19 Letter to President Trump regarding Dorian .pdf

Per our conversation this morning, attached is the email and letter requesting information. Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Kindly,
Wendy

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From: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM
Subject: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian
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Hi Wendy, Matt, and John,

We are reaching out regarding NOAA's recent [Agency-wide directive](#) to staff following [the President's tweet on September 1st](#), and well as the Agency's September 6th [statement on Hurricane Dorian](#). Please provide us with responses to the following questions no later than **COB next Monday September 16th**:

- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the NOAA-wide directive to staff on September 1 in which they were told to “stick with official National Hurricane Center forecasts” and “not provide any opinion”?
 - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue an Agency-wide directive for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?
- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the September 6 public statement from NOAA, disavowing the NWS Birmingham's [tweet](#)?
 - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue a statement for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?

Additionally, we have attached Chairwoman Johnson's letter to President Trump regarding a White House video released last week that showed a placard of a Hurricane Dorian forecast that had been altered to suggest the hurricane was forecasted to impact Alabama. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Priyanka

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