



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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MEMORANDUM OF TRANSMITTAL

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of the approved Data Access Procedural Directive

As Chair of the Environmental Data Management Committee (EDMC), I am pleased to submit the NOAA Data Access Procedural Directive to the NOAA Observing Systems Council (NOSC) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council. Version 1.0, attached, was **approved by the EDMC unanimously on February 11, 2015.**

NAO 212-15 states that “the EDMC shall identify, develop, and approve Procedural Directives associated with this Administrative Order.” It also states that “management of NOAA environmental data will be based upon an end-to-end data management lifecycle that includes [in part] providing for data access and dissemination.” Data accessibility is also a requirement of the US Open Data Policy and the White House memorandum on public access to research results.

The Data Access directive was developed by a cross-NOAA writing team with input from the Line Office Principals of the EDMC and a NOAA-wide review and comment period. The approved version of this directive is publicly available on the EDMC website at <https://www.nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/PD.DA.php>.

The purpose of this directive is to declare that all NOAA environmental data shall be made discoverable and accessible via the Internet in a timely fashion, unless a waiver permitting restricted access is approved by the LO Associate Administrator or designee.

Next steps for the EDMC include announcing and socializing the new PD to all NOAA Line Offices, supporting the implementation, tracking, and maintenance of this Directive, and tracking any Data Access Waivers submitted.

The EDMC solicits support of your Councils to ensure the observing system program managers in your respective Line and Staff Offices receive this directive, understand its importance to NOAA's mission, and support its implementation. The EDMC would be pleased to collaborate with the NOSC and CIO Council to determine how best to monitor and encourage compliance. EDMC staff and members are prepared to assist NOAA program managers with interpretation and implementation.

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