
15 U.S. Code § 8520

United States Weather Research Program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology through the Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences, shall establish a United States Weather Research Program to—

- (1) increase benefits to the Nation from the substantial investment in modernizing the public weather warning and forecast system in the United States;
- (2) improve local and regional weather forecasts and warnings;
- (3) address critical weather-related scientific issues;
- (4) coordinate governmental, university, and private-sector efforts;
- (5) submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives, not less frequently than once each year, a report, including—
 - (A) a list of ongoing research projects;
 - (B) project goals and a point of contact for each project;
 - (C) the five projects related to weather observations, short-term weather, or subseasonal forecasts within Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research that are closest to operationalization;
 - (D) for each project referred to in subparagraph (C)—
 - (i) the potential benefit;
 - (ii) any barrier to operationalization; and
 - (iii) the plan for operationalization, including which line office will financially support the project and how much the line office intends to spend;

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