
15 U.S. Code § 8512a

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(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Administration

The term “Administration” means the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) Administrator

The term “Administrator” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(3) Earth Prediction Innovation Center

The term “Earth Prediction Innovation Center” means the community global weather research modeling system described in paragraph (5)(E) of section 8512(b) of this title.

(4) Model

The term “model” means any vetted numerical model and associated data assimilation of the Earth’s system or its components—

- (A) developed, in whole or in part, by scientists and engineers employed by the Administration; or
- (B) otherwise developed, in whole or in part, using Federal funds.

(5) Open license

The term “open license” has the same meaning given such term in section 3502(21) of title 44.

(6) Operational model

The term “operational model” means any model that has an output used by the Administration for operational functions.

(7) Suitable model

The term “suitable model” means a model that meets the requirements described in paragraph (5)(E)(ii) of section 8512(b) of this title, as determined by the Administrator.

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