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# 15 U.S. Code § 9705

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## Improving National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration communication of future flood risks and hazardous flash flood events

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### **(a) Assessment of flash flood watches and warnings**

#### **(1) In general**

Not later than 2 years after December 27, 2022, the Administrator shall—

(A) conduct an assessment of—

- (i) the flash flood watches and warnings of the National Weather Service; and
- (ii) the information delivery to support preparation and responses to floods; and

(B) submit to Congress a report on the findings of the Administrator with respect to the assessment required by subparagraph (A).

#### **(2) Elements**

The assessment required by paragraph (1)(A) shall include the following:

(A) An evaluation of whether the watches, warnings, and information described in paragraph (1)(A) effectively—

- (i) communicate risk to the general public;
- (ii) inform action to prevent loss of life and property;
- (iii) inform action to support flood preparation and response; and
- (iv) deliver information in a manner designed to lead to appropriate action.

(B) Subject to subsection (b)(2), such recommendations as the Administrator may have for—

- (i) legislative and administrative action to improve the watches and warnings described in paragraph (1)(A)(i); and
- (ii) such research as the Administrator considers necessary to address the focus areas described in paragraph (3).

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