UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
1325 East-West Highway
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Mr. Brian Gaffney
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Pacifica, CA 94044

Re: Request No. **DOC-NOAA-2017-000790**

Dear Mr. Gaffney,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by our office on March 20, 2017, in which you requested:

"...all records from January 1, 2015 to the present discussing, documenting, memorializing, or otherwise concerning: (1) weather modification within the Weather Service Organization Workforce Analysis; (2) the reason for adoption of the "Operations and Workforce Analysis (OWA) Project: Charter for All Workstream Core Teams".

Of the (200) potentially responsive records we reviewed this month, we have located six (6) records that are responsive to your request for this final release. One (1) of these documents is being released to you in its entirety.

We are releasing four (4) documents responsive to your request that are partially redacted under exemptions 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), which prohibits from disclosure of records related solely to the invasion of another individual's personal privacy.

We are also releasing one (1) document responsive to your request that is partially redacted under exemptions 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2), which prohibits from disclosure of records related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency. Your request is now complete.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal if you are not satisfied with our response to your FOIA request. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:

Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information

U.S. Department of Commerce Room 5896
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

An appeal may also be sent by email to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by FOIAonline at https://foiaonline.gov.

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- a copy of the original request,
- our response to your request,
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.
- "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, email subject line, or your fax cover sheet.

FOIA appeals posted to the email box, FOIAonline, or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency's final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov

Phone: 301-837-1996
Fax: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact Rashada Jenkins at rashada.jenkins@noaa.gov or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Ed Kearns at (828) 273-1998. Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number DOC-NOAA-2017-000790 when contacting us.

Sincerely,

for Lisa Love, Director
Management and Organization Division
Office of the Chief Financial/Chief
Administrative Officer
National Weather Service