

**Bruce Henson**

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**From:** Bruce Henson  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 10:22 PM  
**To:** neil.jacobs@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** NOAA AND PRESIDENT TRUMP

Dear Dr. Jacobs,

I have read in "The Hill" online that "[President Trump] actually browbeat the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), without any evidence, to officially side with him (for telling a lie) and chastise NWS (for telling the truth). As first reported by The Washington Post, NOAA also sent out a directive to all of its employees nationwide never to disagree with the White House again, no matter the scientific evidence to the contrary."

[<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/460607-press-hurricane-donald-wipes-out-alabama>]

If true, I find this very troubling. Your own website sings your organization's "commitment to science", saying "Science is the foundation for all NOAA does." I believe that statement is now in question. I have always held NOAA in the highest regard, but this folly tarnishes your reputation. President Trump has made thousands of false or misleading statements during his presidency. His notorious record of lying to the public is well documented. In addition, this is a man who despises science and scientists, denies global warming, and twists the truth to suit his own devices so frequently it has become a regular punching bag for pundits. I'm afraid you now have entered the fray.

Mr. Trump may be president, but your responsibility is to bear true faith to the Constitution that represents 329 million Americans who shouldn't have to worry about one of their most trusted institutions appearing on late-night TV monologues. I hope I'm wrong.

Sincerely and respectfully,  
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