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From: Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal

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To: amy.lieu@foxtv.com

Cc: Lauren Gaches - NOAA Federal

Subject: Re: MEDIA Inquiry: NOAA chief scientist to investigate why agency over Alabama's

Dorian forecast

Hi Amy,

I can provide you with this. You can quote me. Thanks -Scott

"NOAA's policies on <u>scientific integrity</u> and <u>communications</u> are among the strongest in the federal government, and get high marks from third party observers. The agency's senior career leaders are free to express their opinions about matters of agency operations and science. The agency will not be providing further official comment, and will not speculate on internal reviews."

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To: lauren.gaches@noaa.gov>

Hi Lauren,

I am a reporter with Fox TV Stations, doing an online story going off of one I saw on the Washington Post: "NOAA's chief scientist will investigate why agency backed Trump over its experts on Dorian, email shows." https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2019/09/09/noaas-chief-scientist-will-investigate-why-agency-backed-trump-over-its-experts-dorian-email-shows/?

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Can you confirm that NOAA acting chief Craig McLean is investigating whether the agency's response to President Donald Trump's Hurricane Dorian tweets constituted a violation of NOAA policies and ethics?

Does NOAA have any further comments about this matter?

Also, would it be possible for you to tell me who from the NOAA this statement is attributed to? https://www.noaa.gov/news/statement-from-noaa

If you are not the best person to speak to about this, could you please direct me to the best person to speak to about this matter?

Thank you!

Best Regards,

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