

## Heather Evans

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**From:** Heather Evans  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:34 PM  
**To:** scott.smullen@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Regarding Hurricane Dorian forecast

Hi Scott,

Who is the coward in your offices who decided to prioritize their job over the safety of 330 million people? The person who sent out an unsigned memorandum contradicting the NWS Birmingham undermined the integrity of your office, and it is only NOAA's reputation for rigorous and unbiased information that gives you the ability to do things like issue evacuation notices prior to disasters. You may still have the legal authority to issue such advisories, but once you've lost the requisite social capital, those proclamations are no better than toilet paper. Already people not heeding government warnings for flooding and hurricanes is the major driver of weather-related deaths. As weather events get more and more extreme, the American public is going to need to put their lives and livelihoods in your hands more and more often. And this is the moment some lily-livered twit decides another 18 months of paychecks outweighs those responsibilities. They are undeserving of their post. They need to be fired immediately, and if we still had town squares, I'd demand they be put in stocks and jeered.

Sincerely,  
Heather Evans