

## Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal

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**From:** Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 9:30 AM  
**To:** Justin Wise  
**Subject:** Re: Comment on Washington Post report about directive sent to employees

Morning- I can get a statement to you that's attributable to a spokesperson.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2019, at 7:02 AM, Justin Wise <[jwise@thehill.com](mailto:jwise@thehill.com)> wrote:

Hi, I am Justin Wise, a reporter for The Hill. I was interested in if the NOAA had any comment on a new Washington Post report saying that the agency sent out a directive to staff warning them against providing information beyond National hurricane center forecasts. The report notes that the directive came after President Trump made comments about Hurricane Dorian potentially hitting Alabama. I just wanted to see if NOAA had any comment on the details in this report, and if it could respond to the suggestion from some that the agency may have been taking political sides in the matter.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/noaa-staff-warned-in-sept-1-directive-against-contradicting-trump/2019/09/07/12a52d1a-d18f-11e9-87fa-8501a456c003\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/noaa-staff-warned-in-sept-1-directive-against-contradicting-trump/2019/09/07/12a52d1a-d18f-11e9-87fa-8501a456c003_story.html)

Thank you,

Justin Wise