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Good morning, this just came in.

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Subject: Media inquiry: re: OIG memo
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Hi Lauren, I hope this email finds you well. I have a copy of a memo issued to NOAA from OIG requesting documentation surrounded a statement issued by NOAA claiming Alabama was in the path of Hurricane Dorian.

“Recent reports of inconsistent messaging culminating in an unattributed press release surrounding information related to Hurricane Dorian call into question the NWS’s processes, scientific independence, and ability to communicate accurate and timely weather warnings and data to the nation in times of national emergency. NOAA’s scientific integrity policy makes clear that “NOAA is an organization based upon science, scientific research, and providing and using scientific advice for decision-making. NOAA recognizes a clear distinction between the scientific process and the policy decisions made based on the results of science.”⁸

What is NOAA’s response to the memo? Does NOAA stand behind its statement negating Birmingham NWS claim Alabama was not in the hurricane path?

I am available by phone or email— if you want to talk off the record or on. And of course email is best if you would like to add a statement. Thanks for your help!

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