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**From:** Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 5:12 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Hillary (Federal)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian  
**Attachments:** 9.5.19 Letter to President Trump regarding Dorian .pdf

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Am hoping guidance for how best to address this type of correspondence will be forthcoming...?

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Wendy (& Tanya),  
Please advise on how you'd like to proceed on this. If it needs to go to the "oversight" office, or NOAA Policy, or elsewhere.  
Thanks!  
Matt

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Hi Wendy, Matt, and John,

We are reaching out regarding NOAA's recent [Agency-wide directive](#) to staff following [the President's tweet on September 1<sup>st</sup>](#), and well as the Agency's September 6<sup>th</sup> [statement on Hurricane Dorian](#). Please provide us with responses to the following questions no later than **COB next Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>**:

- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the NOAA-wide directive to staff on September 1 in which they were told to “stick with official National Hurricane Center forecasts” and “not provide any opinion”?
  - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue an Agency-wide directive for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?
- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the September 6 public statement from NOAA, disavowing the NWS Birmingham's [tweet](#)?
  - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue a statement for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?

Additionally, we have attached Chairwoman Johnson's letter to President Trump regarding a White House video released last week that showed a placard of a Hurricane Dorian forecast that had been altered to suggest the hurricane was forecasted to impact Alabama. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Priyanka

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