

Jim McCallum

From: Jim McCallum
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 11:15 PM
To: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov
Subject: Please respond confidentially to me if you want. I very much respect your knowledge and views and I will value your comments and even any rage

Sent to a number of friends and good sources:

>
> A privilege of retirement! I can make well informed and constructive (negative) comments ... safe from retribution...
> I'm receiving many statements of agreement/support. Many more senior folks have commented themselves in much stronger terms.
> It's interesting because I have close personal friends at Weather/Hurricane Centers who are "complicit" in this. They encourage and forgive me for my negative comments because they agree with me but are too vulnerable.
> They obeyed the WH commands to make the statements but they simply refused to associate themselves with the embarrassment of Trump's demands and absolutely refused to sign their names to the release. We can expect resignations and legal actions from many of the best experts.
> Or maybe not - it's difficult times, especially for vulnerable new employees.
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> I of course can sit back and kibitz and bitch and moan and use my good contacts to try to direct some changes and be confident that my retirement funds continue to arrive.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Sep 6, 2019, at 10:49 PM, Jim McCallum <(b)(6)> wrote:
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>> For my statement:
>> "Just when I was beginning to have some confidence that our NOAA was able to serve at least to a degree as an exception to the shame and ridicule that DOI, EPA and other failures of science and public service have brought onto themselves, resulting in mass exodus's by responsible scientists and managers, NOAA - our NOAA - suddenly betrays all trust and rationale with an unsigned irresponsible irrational official unflushed load of crap nonsense to support Trump's tantrum about his belief - against all experts - that Alabama was in his personal Sharpie cone of impact from the hurricane.
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>> How embarrassing, even for scarred retirees like me.
>> How can my former but still employed colleagues face themselves in the morning mirror and in the halls of what was respect and national service.
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>> I simply blush/cringe/barf with shame and embarrassment that the current NOAA/DOC/OMB leadership can do this so transparently in toadyism to this horror of a person.
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>> Yes, I barf.
>> If anybody can provide any deeper understanding for this travesty, please use my secure (b)(6) or call me on my cell.

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>> Disgust. Disdain. Disappointment.

>> Jim.”

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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