

**Farhi, Arden**

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**From:** Farhi, Arden  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 8:23 PM  
**To:** Craig McLean - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: CBS News inquiry

Thank you.

Was leadership at NOAA threatened by Sec Ross that they'd be fired if they didn't indicate support for the president's claims about Dorian?

Happy to take this off line if easier - or talk off record.

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On Sep 9, 2019, at 7:30 PM, Craig McLean - NOAA Federal <[craig.mclean@noaa.gov](mailto:craig.mclean@noaa.gov)> wrote:

**External Email**

You have the copy of what I sent, thank you.  
CM

On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 4:46 PM Farhi, Arden <[FarhiA@cbsnews.com](mailto:FarhiA@cbsnews.com)> wrote:

Hi Craig -

I am following up on the NYT's report that top NOAA staff was threatened to be fired by Commerce Secretary Ross.

I understand you are pursuing an inquiry into whether NOAA policies were violated.

Can you provide the email that was sent to staff or confirm this is it: [https://www.eenews.net/assets/2019/09/09/document\\_gw\\_03.pdf](https://www.eenews.net/assets/2019/09/09/document_gw_03.pdf)

Would you be able to talk on the phone? I am curious about the steps that have gotten us to this point.

Happy to speak on background or off record if helpful.

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