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## **House Appropriations Committee Fully Funds NWS Rejects proposal to eliminate ITOs**

The remainder of NOAA funding is cut by 16 percent.

(May 19, 2015) The House Appropriations Committee has released its report detailing proposed funding for the Department of Commerce for FY 16. The bill, which will receive final approval from the Committee on Wednesday, May 20, will fully fund the National Weather Service operations at \$968 million. This is \$4 million over the President's budget request. ***The Committee once again rejected the Administration's proposal to eliminate the Information Technology Officers.***

The Committee approved full funding for ongoing weather satellite programs including JPSS and GOES R, but rejected NOAA's request for \$380 million for a "polar follow-on" satellite program.

"On behalf of NWSEO, I'd like to thank House Appropriations Chair John Culberson and Ranking Member Chaka Fattah for their support of the National Weather Service," said NWSEO President Dan Sobien.

Although it increased funding for the NWS, the Committee slashed funding for the rest of NOAA by 16 percent below the President's request. Funding for NOAA Corporate Services, which includes WFMO, was reduced by \$11 million below the President's request.

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