



## **Department of Commerce List of All NWS Vacancies Confirms NWSEO statements: 668 Vacant Positions**

(July 10, 2017) The National Weather Service is struggling with 668 vacant positions. The information, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from NWSEO General Counsel Richard Hirn, confirms what NWSEO has been stating all along: Many forecast offices are struggling to fill emergency essential shifts with the burden placed on the backs of dedicated employees. Overtime work is routine in many offices as emergency essential positions go unfilled for months and sometimes years. The long-term vacancy crisis is degrading service to the American public and jeopardizing the NWS mission of saving lives and protecting property. NWSEO hears from members who struggle with health problems and work-life issues due to the overtime work created by these vacancies.

The Department of Commerce Workforce Management Office response includes the following documents, with information as recent as April 12, 2017, confirming a total of 668 vacant NWS positions. This response provides an identification of every position in the NWS by location and job title/position/occupational series.

[Field Operations Vacancies](#)

[Headquarters Vacancies](#)

[National Water Center Vacancies](#)

### **To summarize the results:**

Total number NWS positions: 5013

Total positions filled as of April 12, 2017: 4345

Total positions vacant as of April 12, 2017: 668

NWSEO continues its efforts to fully staff NWS offices. NWSEO is the only organization with the ability to lobby Congress and the Administration to preserve NWS jobs, promote better working conditions and career promotions for NWS. Your membership support is greatly appreciated.

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