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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Corps Officers

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Director, NOAA Commissioned Corps

SUBJECT: Update to Operational Dress Uniform

REFERENCES: (a) NOAA Corps Directives Chapter 12, Part 4
(b) NOAA Corps Directives Chapter 12, Part 5

To alleviate shortages with the NOAA Corps version of the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), described in references (a) and (b), and consistent with ODU policy of the United States Public Health Service, I have approved affixing a NOAA Corps ODU Patch over the embroidery on the United States Coast Guard (USCG) version of the ODU blouse. Note that the USCG ODU trouser pockets are no longer embroidered and a NOAA Corps ODU Patch is not authorized for wear on ODU trousers.

The NOAA Corps ODU Patch is a circular, 3-inch diameter sewn-on patch in dark blue to match ODU coloring with an embroidered NOAA Corps Seal in black. The patch may either be sewn on through the pocket (restricts pocket access) or be sewn on the front layer of the pocket (allows full pocket access). The patch shall be sewn right-side-out, centered on and covering the USCG-embroidered emblem (right side pocket).

The patch is optional on blouses without the USCG embroidery.

NOAA Corps ODU Patches are now available from commercial vendors and will soon be available at the USCG Academy and via the USCG Exchange system.

Updates to NOAA Corps Directive Chapter 12 reflecting these changes are forthcoming.

Attachment:

(1) Attachment 1: Image of the NOAA Corps ODU Patch

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