

October 8, 2004

NOAA CORPS AMENDMENT 0401

Subject: Establish Length of Service In Highest Grade Held for Retirement

Reference: NOAA Corps Directive 08406

1. PURPOSE: This serves as a notice that Section 08406 of the NOAA Corps Directives has been amended to prescribe a two-year service in grade requirement for retirement.
2. ACTION: N/A
3. DIRECTIVES/REGULATIONS AFFECTED: NCD 08406
4. DISCUSSION: Section 3046 of Title 33 of the United States Code requires that the Secretary establish the length of service requirement for retirement. Section 3.01d of Department Organizational Order (DOO) 10-15 delegates the authority to perform the functions in Chapter 43 of Title 33 of the United States Code regarding commissioned officers to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. A memorandum from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere dated June 25, 2004 redelegates to the Director, NOAA Corps, the authority to act with respect to those matters listed in sections 3.01d, j, k, l, and m of DOO 10-15 as they relate to the commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Accordingly, the Director, NOAA Corps, has the authority to prescribe the length in service requirement for retirement called for under 33 U.S.C. 3046. Questions regarding this Amendment are to be directed to Katherine Raymond, (301) 713-3444.

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