Readout of Meeting of the Interagency Council for Advancing Meteorological Services

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Today, the Deputy Director for Climate and Environment of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Dr. Jane Lubchenco, and the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Dr. Rick Spinrad, convened a Principals’ meeting of the Interagency Council for Advancing Meteorological Services (ICAMS). ICAMS is the formal mechanism by which all relevant Federal departments and agencies coordinate implementation of policy and practices to ensure U.S. global leadership in the meteorological services enterprise. ICAMS broadly engages with stakeholders across the meteorological enterprise.

As climate variability and change continue to exacerbate the impacts of extreme weather, ICAMS will play an integral part in the Biden-Harris Administration’s key priorities including tackling climate change, equity, and the economy.

ICAMS Principals focused on two strategic objectives:

- Approval of the first ICAMS workplan to guide implementation of near-term priorities to advance meteorological science and services.
- Identification of areas for agencies to increase ambition and support for ICAMS, including strengthening interagency coordination, meteorological science to support wildfire preparedness and response, and the development of an ICAMS decadal strategic plan.

The ICAMS agencies expressed strong support for workplan implementation through continued emphasis on community engagement, advancing opportunities through coordination with other interagency activities, and ensuring that a sense of operational utility is maintained. It was further noted that ICAMS agency collaboration provides the opportunity to develop mutually useful products and services that will bring value to the American people.

ICAMS membership is comprised of the following Departments and Agencies:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Interior
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency
• Office of Management and Budget
• National Aeronautics and Space Administration
• Nuclear Regulatory Commission
• National Science Foundation
• National Transportation Safety Board
• National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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