

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

NOAA Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF)



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Director: Richard G. Marlow, Director, Office of Satellite and Product Operations
Department: Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Maryland Employees: 500

History & Mission: The U.S. operational environmental satellite program, which was part of a predecessor agency to NOAA, moved to the Suitland Federal Center in 1958 and joined the weather-related functions that had been in Suitland since the late 1940's. In June 2007, the NSOF moved to a new state-of-the-art facility in a LEED® gold building on the Suitland Federal Center campus.

The [Office of Satellite and Product Operations \(OSPO\)](#) is part of the [National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service \(NESDIS\)](#). The Office of Satellite and Product Operations (OSPO) manages and directs the operation of NOAA's satellites and the acquisition of remotely sensed data. The Office has operational responsibility for the Satellite Operations Control Center (SOCC) at Suitland, MD and Command and Data Acquisition (CDA) facilities at [Wallops, VA](#) and [Fairbanks, AK](#) to command and control the satellites, to track the satellites, and to acquire, process and distribute their data.

OSPO supports the launch, activation, and evaluation of new satellites and assesses satellite and ground systems anomalies in depth. It prepares response plans and procedures for these anomalies and coordinates schedules for satellite operations and data acquisition to meet users' needs. OSPO also evaluates satellites' technical performance, maintains current and predictive information on satellite orbits and attitudes, and assesses the effectiveness of operational facilities and procedures in terms of data quality, quantity, coverage, and timeliness.

Maryland Tenants		
U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) Mission Control Center (MCC)		
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