

# Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



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**Administrator:** Richard W. Spinrad, PhD, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

**Department:** Department of Commerce

**Maryland Employees:** 2,839

**History & Mission:** NOAA's origins trace back to 1807 with the establishment of the United States' first scientific agency, the Survey of the Coast. Over the years, key developments included the formation of the Weather Bureau in 1870, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in 1871, and the evolution of the National Weather Bureau within the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) in 1956. ESSA, integrated into the Department of Commerce in 1965, became NOAA in 1970. NOAA headquarters, located in the Silver Spring Metro Center since 1993, includes four buildings, a science center, and an auditorium.

NOAA's scientists use cutting-edge research and advanced technology to predict changes in oceanic, atmospheric, and marine environments, providing vital data and services to various stakeholders, from immediate severe weather warnings to long-term climate shift analyses.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict environmental changes and manage coastal and marine resources to support the nation's economic, social, and environmental needs. As a global leader in scientific and environmental matters, NOAA aspires to create an informed society that uses knowledge of oceans, coasts, and atmosphere to make sound decisions.

### Major Divisions (All Divisions located in Montgomery County unless indicated) \*Separate Profile Available

[National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services](#) (NESDIS)  
[National Marine Fisheries Service](#) (NMFS)  
[Office of Marine and Aviation Operations](#) (OMAO)  
[National Ocean Services](#) (NOS)  
[National Weather Service](#) (NWS)  
[Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research](#) (OAR)

[Cooperative Oxford Laboratory](#) (Talbot County)  
[NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office](#) (NCBO) (Anne Arundel County)  
[NOAA Satellite Operations Facility](#) (NSOF) (Prince George's County)\*  
[NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction](#) (NCWCP)\*

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