



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
CHIEF SCIENTIST  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

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SUBJECT: FY 2015 Scientific and Research Misconduct Annual Report

In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 202-735D: Scientific Integrity, Section 10: Communication, Oversight, Review, and Reporting, NOAA is publishing the following report. During Fiscal Year 2015 (starting on October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015), NOAA received 1 new allegation of scientific misconduct. The status of the allegation is as follows:

Cases in Progress

None

Cases Closed

2015-001– A private entity alleged a NOAA employee violated NOAA’s Scientific Integrity Policy by presenting incorrect and outdated scientific information through statements made in an article published in Smithsonian Magazine. The Deputy Under Secretary for Operations delegated the case to the NOAA Scientific Integrity Office. The case was dismissed after an initial assessment.

