



**More NOAA Employees say “YES” to NWSEO;**

**NWSEO Expands to Represent the Mission Operations Division  
and the Satellite Products and Services Division of NESDIS**

(February 21, 2017) A majority of eligible employees in the Mission Operations Division and the Satellite Products and Services Division of NESDIS have voted to be represented by NWSEO in a secret ballot election conducted by the Federal Labor Relations Authority. These employees will be added to an existing unit of NESDIS employees located at the Wallops Island Command and Data Acquisition Station, who have been represented by NWSEO for four decades. All three of these divisions are within the NESDIS Office of Satellite Products and Operations (OSPO). NWSEO will now negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement covering these employees along with our existing members at Wallops.

There are 107 potential new NWSEO members in the new offices represented by NWSEO. Nearly half of these employees have already submitted 1187 forms to become active dues paying members of NWSEO. The employees that will be added onto the preexisting Wallops bargaining unit include Physical Science Technicians, IT Specialists, Computer Operators and others who staff the NESDIS Satellite Operations Facility in Suitland, MD.

The successful NWSEO election was the work, dedication, and support of a team of OSPO employees, NWSEO Wallops Regional Chair Hugh Sharkey, and NWSEO leaders.

NWSEO represents four additional bargaining units throughout NOAA - the NOAA Office of General Counsel; Aircraft Operations Center in Florida; the OAR Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Key Biscayne, Florida and the nationwide unit of employees in the National Weather Service.

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National Weather Service employees.**

**No one works harder for National Weather Service employees than  
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**We are NWSEO.**