



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

Congress adds 10% to President's budget request for NWS - expresses frustration with the NWS

(February 14, 2019) The final FY 2019 Commerce Department Appropriations Act, which will be enacted tonight as part of the final FY 19 budget agreement, funds the NWS at a record \$1,162,609,000 – 10% more than requested by the President and \$5.5 million (or .06%) more than Congress appropriated for the NWS in FY 18. All job cuts sought by the agency were rejected.

The Conferees were disappointed with the agency for its failure to provide a single quarterly report on NWS budget and operations required by law as part of last year's appropriations act:

“Quarterly Briefings.-The fiscal year 2018 appropriations Act directed the NWS to provide quarterly briefings to the Committees on all NWS management and budget issues. The agreement adopts House and Senate language regarding such reporting. However, there is frustration and disappointment that the NWS was unable to provide any quarterly briefings during fiscal year 2018. The American people entrust the NWS with more than \$1,000,000,000 each year to provide accurate weather forecasting. It is unacceptable that the NWS is unwilling or unable to report to the Committees on its operations. The leadership of the Department of Commerce and NOAA shall ensure NWS improves the transparency of its operations and provides quarterly briefings on management and budget issues to the Committees.”

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