



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

Senate Appropriations Committee Adds \$14 million to NWS, keeps ITOs

(June 11, 2015) On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$977 million for NWS operations for fiscal year 2016, which is \$13 million more than requested by the President, and \$9 million more than recommended by the House Appropriations Committee in May. Like the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee rejected, for the fourth year in a row, the Administration's request to eliminate the Information Technology Officers at the WFOs. The Committee report states that any proposal to eliminate the ITOs is premature "before a comprehensive review of NWS operations has been completed."

The future of all appropriations bills remains uncertain as the Congress and the Administration resolve their disagreements over overall non-Defense discretionary funding. However, adequate funding for the NWS seems certain while other NOAA line offices may experience budget reductions.

-NWSEO-

**No one cares more for National Weather Service employees than
National Weather Service employees.**

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

We are NWSEO.