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From: Droegemeier, Kelvin K. EOP/OSTP
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Neil Jacobs - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Consequences of NOAA action

Thanks.

On Sep 8, 2019, at 3:28 AM, Neil Jacobs - NOAA Federal <neil.jacobs@noaa.gov> wrote:

Neil,

In the interests of full disclosure, I thought I should share with you what I have shared publicly on Facebook tonight with regard to the scandal occurring under your leadership at NOAA.

As my Facebook followers know, I am a native of Birmingham, Alabama. I've known the meteorologists at the NWS Birmingham since the 1970s; I attended high school with some of their children in the 1980s; I spent a spring interning at that office in 1986; and I co-dedicated my introductory meteorology textbook (now in its fifth edition) to one of the NWS meteorologists in Birmingham.

I speak only on behalf of myself.

Bye, Neil. I really liked your work at Panasonic and appreciated that you spoke to my Data Assimilation class. But the program I am undergraduate coordinator of has Student Learning Outcomes that include ethics. Specifically, "Know and employ the principles of proper ethical conduct within meteorology and the atmospheric sciences regarding professional conduct and what the science can and cannot accurately and adequately predict [see (AMS Guidelines for Professional Conduct; Article XII of the AMS Constitution) ><http://www.ametsoc.org/ab<.../organizationpdfs/constitution.pdf>" And this learning outcome is modeled on AMS recommendations for the B.S. in atmospheric sciences. I think your conduct here is a violation of that learning outcome and in particular is in support of statements by the President that run afoul of "what the science can and cannot accurately and adequately predict." So, no more visits to my classroom, Neil.

Sincerely,

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