



NOAA Weather Program Office Newsletter

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Letter from Acting Director - Ray Tanabe



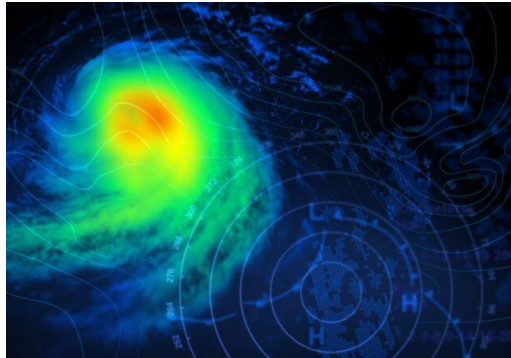
Greetings from my interim role as the acting WPO Director. In the past few weeks, I've met the amazing WPO staff and learned about the incredible work they are doing in support of the NOAA mission. None of this work would have been possible without the leadership of Dorothy Koch, who now serves the nation through the Department of Energy. Thank you Dorothy!

Complementary to the science and research OAR supports, I am equally excited about the first-of-its-kind, WPO FY24-26 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility (DEIJA) Strategic Implementation Plan. I am honored to work with WPO's diverse team to "further integrate DEIA principles into our funding and program activities, while funding more research that aims to deliver more accurate and actionable results.

Finally, WPO, as part of a larger NOAA effort, is transitioning from Grants Online to the Grants Enterprise Management System / electronic Research Administration (GEMS/eRA). As with any transition of this nature, there are new menus, forms, and processes to learn. Thank you for your continued patience as we familiarize ourselves with the new system.

[Ray Tanabe - Bio](#)

IN THE NEWS



UFS Short-Range Weather (SRW) Application v2.2.0 Release

The [Unified Forecast System \(UFS\) Short-Range Weather \(SRW\) Application version 2.2.0](#) is now available! Explore the latest updates released by UFS and the Earth Prediction Innovation Center (EPIC).



FY24-FY26 WPO DEIJA Strategic Implementation Plan

The Weather Program Office (WPO) is proud to introduce its [inaugural FY24–FY26 DEIJA](#) (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Accessibility) Strategic Implementation Plan. This [document](#) embodies a compilation of ideas, suggestions, and recommendations contributed by our employees.



Empowering Open Science: Unveiling WPO's System for Public Access to Research Knowledge (SPARK)

The Science, Technology, and Society Division within NOAA's Weather Program Office is excited to announce the launch of [WPO's System for Public Access to Research Knowledge \(SPARK\)](#). This serves as an all-encompassing, centralized platform, offering researchers and practitioners a single point of access to an extensive repository of knowledge

produced by funded social science research projects. SPARK will play a pivotal role in advancing research through open science.



[FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)

The FY24 NOFO for the NOAA Weather Program Office is open for submissions. This year's NOFO will fund approximately 3-6 new projects totaling up to \$2 million per year through the Climate Test Bed and Fire Weather competitions. The **deadline** to submit full proposals is **November 16, 2023 at 5 p.m. EST**.

Upcoming Events:

AGU Fall Meeting - December 11-15, 2023

AMS Annual Meeting - January 28 - February 1, 2024

National Hurricane Conference - March 25-28, 2024

