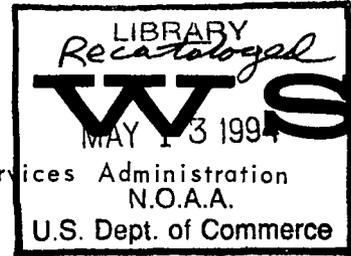


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PERSONNEL OF WEATHER BUREAU, COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, AND CENTRAL RADIO PROPAGATION LABORATORY:

The new Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) of the Department of Commerce came into legal existence today. As you all know, ESSA is a consolidation of the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Both will be continued under their old names as organizational components of ESSA. The Central Radio Propagation Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards is scheduled to be transferred to ESSA early in October. ESSA will then comprise all the environmental science service activities of the Department of Commerce and will provide, in the words of the President, "a single national focus for our efforts to describe, understand, and predict the state of the oceans, the state of the lower and upper atmosphere, and the size and shape of the earth."

Under the President's Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1965, which created ESSA, each officer and employee of the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey is now an officer or employee of ESSA. There is no change in the type of appointment, in position, in grade, or in salary. All personnel files will in due course be documented to reflect the mass transfer to ESSA.

For the immediate future, each officer and employee of the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey should continue to perform his everyday duties as before. There will be no immediate changes in the activities of these two organizations or in the ways in which they do things. Dr. George P. Cressman will serve as Acting Director of the Weather Bureau, and Rear Adm. James C. Tison, Jr., will serve as Acting Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. When the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory is transferred to ESSA, it will become another component of ESSA, under the continuing direction of Dr. C. Gordon Little.

Detailed organizational plans are now being formulated for ESSA. These plans will be put into effect gradually, over a considerable course of time. As each aspect of these plans becomes definitive, all will be informed.

We welcome each of you to the new Environmental Science Services Administration. We regard ESSA as an unparalleled opportunity to make new advances in the environmental sciences and to provide the nation at large with continually broader and better environmental science services. We wish you every personal success in ESSA, and we look to your efforts to make ESSA a forward-looking and highly productive arm of the Executive Branch.


Robert M. White
Acting Administrator


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Acting Deputy Administrator

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP. Six groups have been set up to work out immediate problems associated with the changeover. These groups, their members, and their assignments are as follows:

Coordination -- Theodore Gleiter (WB) and Roger Lanier (C&GS). To provide a focal point for handling problems and questions arising during the next several weeks.

Logistics -- Raymond Girard (C&GS) and Russell Grubb (WB). Setting up the new headquarters of ESSA, including the moving of employees into new space, mail handling, transportation, telephone and communication, and other administrative duties.

Plans, Directives, and Organization -- Walter Hahn (WB) and Harley Nygren (C&GS). The issuance of interim directives for the operation of ESSA and problems associated with establishment of the new organizational components of ESSA.

Congressional Relations and Executive Office -- John Eberly (WB) and William Randall (C&GS). Procedures to be used beginning July 13 for handling ESSA Congressional contacts and arrangements for operation of the Office of the Administrator of ESSA.

Information -- Raymond Wilcove (C&GS) and Herbert Lieb (WB). Issuance of public and employee information during the first few months of ESSA.

Central Radio Propagation Laboratory -- Russell Grubb (WB). Work at Boulder, Colorado, with Dr. C. Gordon Little, director of CRPL, and his representatives in the transfer of CRPL to ESSA.

HEADQUARTERS OF ESSA. During August, the headquarters for ESSA will be established in a new 10-story structure (Building 5) at the Washington Science Center, Rockville, Maryland. ESSA will occupy the entire building with the exception of the first floor and part of the third.

It is now contemplated that the new headquarters building will house the following offices:

Administrator and Deputy Administrator	Office of Administration:
Executive Staffs	Budget and Finance
Internal Audit	Personnel
Public Information	Management and Organization
International Affairs	Administrative Operations
Plans and Programs	

The Coast and Geodetic Survey now occupies Buildings 1 and 2 at the Washington Science Center site and will continue there as well as in part of Building 5.

From July 13 to the occupancy of the new site, operations of ESSA will be conducted from the Weather Bureau at 24th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Other moves will be carried in future issues of ESSA NEWS.

IMMEDIATE TRANSITION. All rules, regulations, orders, certificates, and delegations of authority which are now binding upon the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey, will become rules, regulations, orders, certificates, and delegations of authority binding upon ESSA. All payrolls and paychecks, all travel requests and travel orders, and all other documents affecting the personnel of the two bureaus will continue to be prepared in the same manner as before. Detailed organizational plans are now being formulated for ESSA. These plans will be put into effect gradually, over a long period of time. Employees will be kept informed as each aspect of these plans becomes definitive.

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