Global Monitoring Division

Welcoming Addresses



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Earth System Research Laboratory Global Monitoring Division Review

Welcome

April 3, 2013

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Earth System Research Laboratory

Mission: To observe and understand the Earth system and to develop products through a commitment to research that will advance NOAA's environmental information and service on global-to-local scales.



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OAR Leadership



Dr. Robert Detrick Assistant Administrator of OAR



Dr. Steven Fine Deputy Assistant Administrator for Labs and Cooperative Institutes



Craig McLean Deputy Assistant Administrator for Programs and Administration



Dr. Alexander MacDonald Chief Science Advisor, and ESRL Director



Review Panel Members



Professor Beverly Law Forestry Department Primary Expertise: Climate Forcing Secondary Expertise: Air Quality

Professor Michael B. McElroy

Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies Harvard School of Eng. and Applied Sciences Primary Expertise: Climate Forcing Secondary Expertise: Ozone Depletion



Dr. Carl Brenninkmeijer Max Planck Institute for Chemistry Primary Expertise: Climate Forcing Secondary Expertise: Ozone Depletion



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Review Panel Members



Dr. Øystein Hov Research Director Norwegian Meteorological Institute Primary Expertise: Air Quality Secondary Expertise: Climate Forcing



Review Chair Dr. Kenneth W. Jucks Program Manager, Upper Atmosphere Research Program NASA, Earth Science Division Primary Expertise: Ozone Depletion Secondary Expertise: Climate Forcing



Professor Anne M. Thompson Professor of Meteorology Penn State University Primary Expertise: Ozone Depletion Secondary Expertise: Air Quality





NOAA & OAR Approaches To Research Planning

Steven Fine, Ph.D.

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories & Cooperative Institutes

Office of Oceanic & Atmospheric Research April 3rd, 2013



NOAA'S NEXT GENERATION STRATEGIC PLAN

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GMD RESEARCH DRIVERS

OUR CHANGING PLANET

FUTURE



- National Climate Protection Act (1978)
- Global Climate Protection Act (1987)
- Global Change Research Act (1990)
- Clean Air Act (1990)

POLICY DRIVERS

- United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP)
- US Carbon Cycle Science Plan
- National Ocean Policy
- Magnuson-Stevens Act
- GCOS Implementation Plan
- GEOSS Strategic Plan

NOAA & OAR APPROACHES TO RESEARCH PLANNING -- DRAFT 0315

NOAA'S NEXT GENERATION STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS





OAR'S VISION & MISSION

A society that uses the results of our research as the scientific basis for more productive and harmonious relationships between humans and the environment.

VISION



To conduct environmental research, provide scientific information and research leadership, and transfer research into products and services to help NOAA meet the evolving economic, social, and environmental needs of the Nation.







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HOW OAR USES YOUR REVIEW

Assist labs in strategically positioning & planning future science

Maintain consistency with NOAA planning, programming, & budgeting

Recognize lab scientists' leadership excellence & contributions in research fields

Identify equipment & facility deficiencies

Locate communication strengths & weaknesses between labs/offices/ leadership

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CHARGE TO REVIEWERS

QUALITY: Assess quality of lab's R&D



RELEVANCE: Assess lab's R&D relevance to NOAA's mission & value to Nation



PERFORMANCE: Assess overall effectiveness of lab's plans & R&D in meeting NOAA's Strategic Plan objectives & Nation's needs



Outline

- Mission of NOAA's Global Monitoring Division
- Organization and Management
- How We Plan, Ensure, and Measure Success
- Past and Future
- Upcoming Sessions

GMD Mission

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GMD Origins

"... We must achieve a new awareness of our dependence on our surroundings and on natural systems which support all life, but awareness must be coupled with a full realization of our enormous capability to alter these surroundings."

Richard M. Nixon, 1970



"It is the objective of the GMCC program to respond to the need for this new awareness by providing a portion of the quantitative description and analysis needed. Specifically, it is our objective to measure the necessary parameters for establishing trends of trace constituents important to climate change and of those elements that can assist in apportioning the source of changes to natural or anthropogenic sources, or both."

"This program has its special focus in establishing a long-term time series from ground-based information."

> Geophysical Monitoring for Climate Change First Summary Report, 1972

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GMD Vision and Mission

Vision

A society that has access to and uses the best possible information on atmospheric constituents that drive climate change, stratospheric ozone depletion, and background air quality.



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Mission

To acquire, evaluate, and make available accurate, long-term records of atmospheric gases, aerosol particles, and solar radiation in a manner that allows the causes of the change to be understood.



Key Legislative Drivers of GMD's Research



- GMD's research contributes to fulfilling requirements for over 25 laws
- Four pieces of US legislation stand out
 - National Climate Protection Act (1978)
 - Global Climate Change Program Act (1990)
 - Global Change Research Act (1990)
 - Clean Air Act (1990)



Plans and Agreements

- United States
 - National Global Change Research Program Research Plan
 - US Carbon Cycle Science Plan
 - NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan
 - NOAA Research Plan
 - NOAA/ESRL GMD Research Plan
- International
 - WMO Global Atmospheric Watch Strategic Plan
 - GCOS Implementation Plan
 - GEOSS Strategic Plan
 - GEO Carbon Strategy

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Scientific Questions

(Details in Research Plan)

Climate Forcing

- Atmospheric levels and impact of greenhouse gases
- ✓ Sources and sinks of greenhouse gases
- ✓ Arctic and tropical reservoirs of carbon
- Upper tropospheric, lower stratospheric water vapor
- ✓ Aerosol optical properties
- ✓ Worldwide radiation budget
- ✓ Spectral surface albedo



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Ozone Depletion

- Success of Montreal Protocol Process
- ✓ Recovery of Stratospheric ozone
- ✓ UV radiation at Earth's surface

Air Quality

- Intercontinental transport of pollutants
- Cleansing capacity of the global atmosphere
- Production and extraction of fossil fuels



Organization and Management

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GMD Organization



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Workforce Age Distribution







Expenditures by Function



Facilities, Rent, and Contracts are observing site costs and DSRC Rent.

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How We Plan, Ensure, and Measure Success

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How GMD sets priorities

- Legislative mandates
- Consistency with NOAA's strategic plan
- Relevance to interagency and international plans
- Relevance to national and international assessments
- Within the framework of GMD's mission:
 - Identify key scientific questions
 - Determine role of long-term observations to answer those questions
 - Sustain quality and continuity of observations
 - Understand the observed distributions and trends
 - Expand networks as needed
 - Conduct periodic regional-scale studies







GLOBAL MONITORING DIVISION

2013-2017 Research Plan



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GMD Research Plan

- Documents GMD's purpose
- Identifies key scientific questions
- Shows how GMD activities help answer those questions
- Lays out a path forward
- Provides milestones as measures of performance



How We Measure Success

- Sustained high-quality longterm records of atmospheric composition
- Preeminence of our science as documented through the peer-review process
- External recognition of staff
- Ability to update products regularly
- Use of products by external partners
- Leadership on committees
- Contributions to assessments





On-line Products

- Interactive Data Visualization
- Annual Greenhouse Gas Index
- Ozone-Depleting Gas Index
- South Pole Ozone
- GLOBALVIEW
- Mauna Loa Trends
- GMD 3 Dimensional Maps of Composition
- Solar Calculator

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Publications by Year

- These are publications with GMD authorships.
- The number has increased at ~9 per year since 2008, our last review.
- This, despite a decrease in staff of nearly 15% during that time.



Hirsch Index



	H-Index	# Pubs.	# Citations
Oltmans	52	234	8,757
Tans	50	164	11,135
Elkins	47	147	6,189
Ogren	42	194	5,518
Hofmann	42	128	6,807
Montzka	33	82	3,286
Hintsa	33	70	2,902
Dlugokencky	31	79	3,383
Dutton, E.	31	44	1,483
Butler	28	53	2,556
Novelli	27	45	2,039
Schnell	27	93	2,903
Johnson	25	47	1,662
Barnes	24	70	3,894
Hurst	24	52	1,759
Jefferson	24	45	1,979
Michalsky	24	89	2,699
Miller, J.	23	43	1,525
Dutton, G.	21	44	1,495
Andrews, B.	20	39	1,589
Bruhwiler	20	34	2,202
Stone	20	50	1,324
Anderson, A.	19	76	1,142
Conway	19	34	2,251
Hall, B.	18	33	1,196

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Awards Summary 2007-2012

- Presidential Rank (1)
- AGU Roger Revelle Medal (1)
- DOC Gold (2)
- DOC Silver (2)
- DOC Bronze (2)
- AGU Fellow (1)
- NOAA Distinguished Career (1)
- CIRES Fellow (1)







- OAR Outstanding Paper (3)
- EPA Stratospheric Ozone Protection (1)
- OAR Outstanding Science Communicator (1)
- AGU Excellence in Refereeing (3)
- Numerous additional awards from NOAA, OAR, CIRES, and JIMAR for significant accomplishments



Partners

- GMD operates instruments or collects samples at 78 locations in 35 states in the US
- Nearly all of the 13 US agencies participating in the USGCRP make use of GMD's data and products
- GMD operates similarly at 161 locations in 61 countries
- Over 100 partnering scientists worldwide, many in association with WMO Global Atmospheric Watch

- NOAA/ESRL Global Monitoring Annual Conference
 - Essentially GMD's annual meeting to engage with partners contributing to, sharing, or using GMD's data and data products routinely.



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Leadership on Committees

- WMO Commission for Atmospheric Science (Butler)
- WMO Global Atmospheric Watch
 - Scientific Advisory Group for Greenhouse Gases (Dlugokencky, Chair; Hall)
 - Scientific Advisory Group for Aerosols (Ogren, Chair)
 - Scientific Advisory Group for Ozone (Evans)
 - Global Greenhouse Management Team (Several GMD participants)





- Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)
 - Atmospheric Observation Panel for Climate (Butler)
- US Global Change Research Program
 - Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group (Butler)
 - Carbon Cycle Scientific Steering Group (A. Andrews)
 - North American Carbon Program
 Scientific Steering Group (Jacobson)
- Group on Earth Observations
 - Carbon cycle Advisory Group (Butler)



Assessments

Our contributions to Assessments are the highest level product for our research:

- Provide evaluations and syntheses of the most recent research
- Operate at the interface of science and policy, providing policyrelevant information

IPCC Assessments

- Inform nations through UNFCCC on climate and climate change mitigation
 - Significant vehicles for educating global society on climate change
- **Ozone Assessments**
 - Inform nations through the Vienna Convention on the Ozone layer
 - Resulted in significant amendments to the Montreal Protocol
 - Led to acceleration of production phaseouts, most recently HCFCs
- National Assessments

- Provide US policy-makers with climate-relevant information



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Education and Outreach



- Building Global Capacity
 - Coordinating with scientists, universities, and agencies around the world to add sites
 - Training emerging scientists
 - "Twinning" with emerging WMO partners
- Public Outreach
 - Primary and secondary education
 - ESRL Student Program
 - Public presentations

Selected Specific Activities

- Trained 15 CMA (China Met.) scientists for 2 weeks in greenhouse gas monitoring.
- Built a replica of GMD's analysis system in Brazil and trained scientists in sampling and operations.
- Instrumental in expanding the Baseline Surface Radiation Network over the past 20 years.
- Continued assistance with Peru's Dobson ozone observing program
- Numerous educational activities at Barrow and Samoa
- Engagement with tribal communities in Samoa
- Weather monitoring system in collaboration with the Sicangu Sioux reservation in South Dakota



Past and Future

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Scientific highlights

- Documented global atmospheric distributions and trends for decades
- Identified the northern hemispheric biosphere as sinks for CO₂
- Demonstrated stability of the airborne fraction of emitted CO₂
- Detected a 30+ year trend of increasing stratospheric water vapor, a strong influence on climate
- Reported the turnaround and reduction of ozone-depleting chlorine and bromine in the atmosphere.

- Documented the leveling of ozone depletion across the globe
- Determined the amount of methane and pollutant emissions from oil and gas extraction at Western U.S. sites
- Measured large increase in net radiation over the continental United States in the last 15 years
- Measured an increase of stratospheric aerosol since 2000 that may have reduced expected warming



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The Future

Operational Challenges

- Sustaining long-term observations in global networks
- Ensuring a world-class research workforce
- Addressing succession



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Scientific Opportunities

- Build commercial aircraft capability
- Expand C-14 efforts
- Serve as Global GHG "Reference Network"
- Enhance upper atmospheric research
- Support renewable energy evaluation
- Strengthen arctic observatories
- Evaluate natural gas emissions



Upcoming Presentations

- Climate Forcing
 - Greenhouse gases
 - Aerosols
 - Surface Radiation
- Common Elements
 - Observatories
 - Calibration & QA/QC









- Ozone Depletion
 - Stratospheric Ozone
 - Ozone-depleting Gases
- Air Quality and Regional Studies
 - Tropospheric Ozone
 - Aerosols
 - Volatile Organic
 Compounds
 - Arctic Monitoring



Questions?



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