



NOAA Tsunami Program Update

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New Program Developments

- FY15 (and beyond) Budget – PPA transition at NWS HQ
 - No more dedicated TSU \$\$ within NWS; Part of Analyze, Forecast and Support (AFS) Portfolio
 - Increased flexibility for NWS Director to fund according to priority v. program area
- IT Modernization of TWC Operational System (update)
- PTWC move to IRC

FY15 Budget (ROM)

FY 15 Appropriation: \$27M (House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee Report for FY15 (H. Rept. 113-448))

ROM Planning:

- \$11.5M: DART O&M (OBS PPA)
- \$6M: NTHMP Grants
- \$5.4M: Operations (TWCs, ITIC, CTWP)
- \$1.1M: R&D (PMEL)
- \$1M: NOS Gauge O&M
- \$0.8M: NGDC (DEM, Archiving)
- \$0.7M: Program Support and Administration
- \$0.5M: Other SL/Seismic networks/data

TWERA

- HR 34 Passed House via Unanimous Consent 7 Jan 15
- Key Provisions:
 - Authorized only through FY2017;
 - Funds at the current program levels
 - Senate version proposed longer authorization years and higher budget levels.
 - Modifies the NTHMP to provide for:
 - Technical and financial assistance;
 - Activities to support the development of regional hazard and risk assessments; and
 - Dissemination of guidelines and standards for community planning, education, and training products, programs, and tools.
 - Expands the tsunami research program, including by:
 - Requiring the program to develop the technical basis for validation of tsunami maps, models, and forecasts; and
 - Authorizing NOAA to develop a pilot project for near-field tsunami forecast development for the west coast's Cascadia region.
 - Directs NOAA to:
 - Designate an existing working group to serve as the Tsunami Science and Technology Advisory Panel to provide advice on matters regarding tsunami science, technology, and regional preparedness; and
 - Convene a coordinating committee to assist in the national tsunami hazard mitigation program.

PB: FY16

“NOAA requests the following decrease for this sub-activity:

- A decrease of 0 FTE and \$6,000[K] to terminate NOAA’s partner funding for education and awareness grants through the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program.

NOAA is committed to maintaining its strong tsunami warning program and will continue ongoing tsunami education, outreach, and awareness activities through the TsunamiReady Program.”

A research vessel named 'TSUNAMI' is shown sailing on a dark, stormy sea under a cloudy sky. The vessel is a small boat with a complex superstructure, including a mast and various antennas. The water is dark blue with white-capped waves. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, suggesting a storm or late evening. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

Discussion