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Good Afternoon,

This is a report regarding the activities of the NOAA Privacy Program from February 1-February 28, 2018.

Some of the highlights of the Program's activities for the month include:

- NOAA currently has either an SAOP-approved PIA for all FISMA Systems collecting PII, or a draft PIA is pending review within the Line Office or at DOC. This is the first time that NOAA has reached this compliance milestone, and, upon approval of the final 3 PIAs, NOAA will have achieved 100% compliance with the DOC instructions that an SAOP-approved PIA be completed as a pre-requisite to the issuance, or re-issuance, of an ATO (see attached 2014 DOC Memorandum).
- NOAA Privacy provided an information briefing to the NOAA CIO Council on the Group Communications Security Policy. This policy clarifies the pre-existing obligation of NOAA personnel to utilize the available communications restrictions to limit Sensitive PII or other Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) group discussions to those with (1) authorization and (2) need-to-know.

The System of Records Notice (SORN) DEPT-29 was reviewed by OMB and has been published by DOC in the Federal Register. As such, as it relates to Privacy obligations, NOAA is now authorized to collect and use PII relying on UAS technology as outlined within the parameters of that SORN. The scope of the authority of this SORN includes vital uses of UAS for storm damage assessment over residential properties and incident response guidance by UAS in populated areas. This is the first SORN published within the Department that authorizes the collection and use of PII utilizing this emerging technology, and will significantly advance our ability to carry out the protection of life and safety mission of NOAA.

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