Climate Program Office Review
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Q&A on the pre-recorded CPO Overview Presentation

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Outline

- Congressional Mandates & Current Drivers
- CPO Vision and Mission
- What does CPO do?
- Engagement and Partnerships
- Accomplishments & Indicators of Excellence
- Leadership
- Workforce
- Budget
- Priorities & Changes Ahead
- Activity Areas for the Review
- Structure of the Review
1. The CPO strategic plan expired in 2019. Why has it not yet been updated? Has new planning begun? How does the strategic plan really help? What is the process of strategic planning?

2. I understand why NOAA has announced that it is the "primary authoritative provider" of climate services. I would like to know how NOAA recognizes and deliberately and strategically engages with other agencies in the climate services space?

3. How does CPO measure uptake of advances in understanding (e.g. by the other service lines at NOAA or the external community)?

4. Regarding the Intro to CPO video, I’m Interested in the utility of fear appeal communication?

5. Like many of the products from CPO we've been hearing about, there is a lot of emphasis on *activities* but not *outcomes*
6. Collaborations outside of NOAA (e.g., AGU) what do they look like, and how is effectiveness measured? Define “partnerships”: Are they strategic (intentional to achieve goals), collaborative opportunities, or both?

7. What is “climate literacy” (you say you are a leader)? How do you measure it? How are you doing? Is that literacy about climate? Or literacy about climate science? Can you disambiguate those?

8. What do you know about how well/poorly the "public" trusts a federal agency to provide climate information? Is the very nature of federal climate science a red flag for many segments of the public?

9. How does CPO make a deliberate effort to increase diversity and inclusion through decision-making related to its grants portfolio?