



Dear NESDIS Colleagues –

It is with great honor and pride that I congratulate NESDIS scientists at the National Climatic Data Center, National Oceanographic Data Center, and the Center for Satellite Applications and Research who worked on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports. IPCC was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize along with former Vice President Al Gore on October 12, 2007, “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change”.

The work of our scientists at NESDIS is a key part of this incredibly prestigious award. This award goes a long way in highlighting how important climate and ocean research and data are to the global community and how critical NOAA is to this effort. In addition to the scientists, I also want to thank the NCDC staff who contributed to the creation of the IPCC reports, especially in the graphic and art department. Please join me in congratulating our NESDIS colleagues on this great honor:

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I also want to acknowledge the passing of two former NESDIS leaders with long and illustrious careers in government service. Dr. John McElroy, former NESDIS Assistant Administrator from

careers in government service. Dr. John McElroy, former NESDIS Assistant Administrator from 1982-1986, passed away on September 14. Dr. McElroy started in 1966 at NASA, working his way to the Deputy Director of Goddard Space Flight Center and ending with his tenure at the helm of NESDIS. He served as a dean and professor of the College of Engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Tom Potter, who was Director of the National Climatic Data Center starting in 1975 and from 1978-1982 was the head of NOAA's Environmental Data Information Service, a predecessor to NESDIS, passed away on October 16. He finished his career as a professor at the University of Utah. We remember and honor their legacy of service and education and our thoughts are with their families.

Thanks for all you do!

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