



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
ACQUISITION AND GRANTS OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA Grantees

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SUBJECT: Performance under Grants and Cooperative Agreements and a
Lapse in Appropriations

Should a lapse in federal appropriations occur on October 1, 2013, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, will limit operations. Grants Officers will not be available during a lapse in appropriations. The Grants Online System will not be available. As a result of limited federal operations, recipients who are paid on a reimbursable basis will be unable to receive payment during a lapse in appropriations. The Automatic Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) system is anticipated to be operational during a lapse in appropriations. Unless specifically notified to stop work, performance under Grants and Cooperative Agreements may continue during the lapse in appropriations