

# Future of the National Weather Service

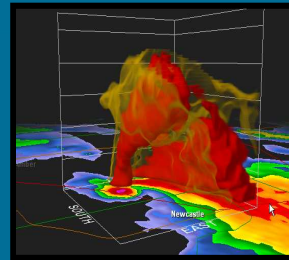
## *A View from a Meteorologist In Charge*

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## NOAAs NWS – Moving Forward

### 1. *Why Change?*

- New Service Requirements
- Increased Societal Risk from Environmental Events
- New Environmental Information Services Integrated Across NOAA
- Changing Weather Enterprise



## My take

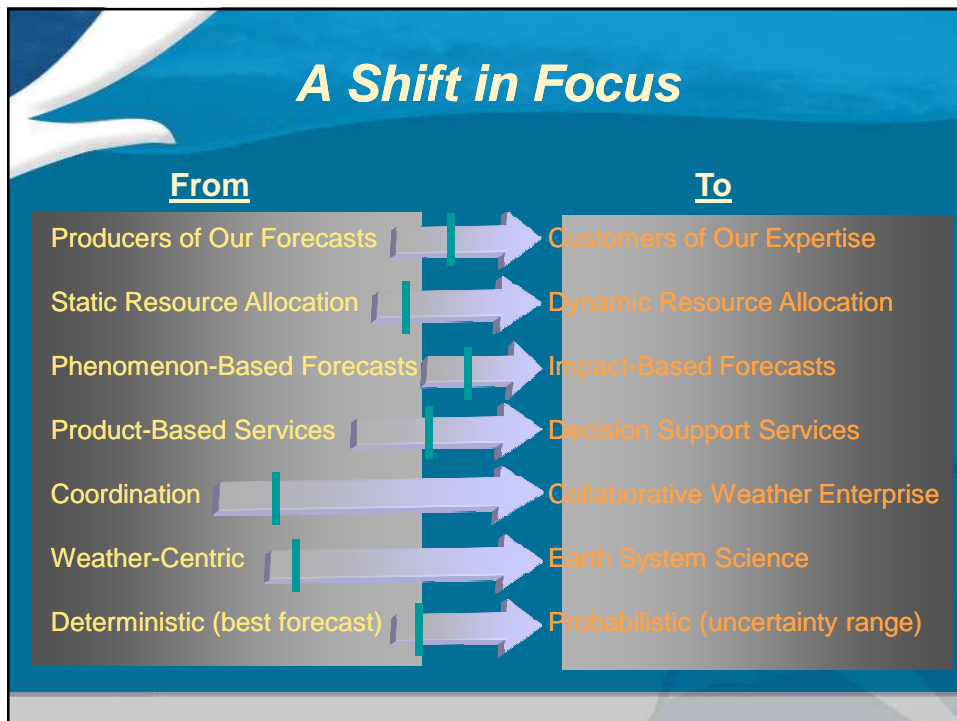
1. *Change needed to meet our customers rapidly changing needs*
2. *Societal Impact is a BIG topic right now*

## NOAAs NWS – Moving Forward

NWS goal in the *“Evolution of Our Services”* is to produce and provide critical information in the right format, at the right time, to the right people, who will make the right decisions.

1. *No degradation of service*
2. *Equitable services*
3. *Demonstrate effectiveness and performance*

## A Shift in Focus



## My Take

- 1. NWS produces data not products**
- 2. Change to less structured shifts**
- 3. More help to the office that is dealing with the weather**
- 4. Migrate away from local offices doing extended and let HPC**
- 5. Focus on short term critical issues (not just severe weather)**

# High-Impact Services

## 1. *Natural Hazards, e.g.,*

- Tornadoes
- Hurricanes
- Floods
- Volcanic eruptions
- Droughts
- Heat
- Tsunamis



## 2. *Accidents*

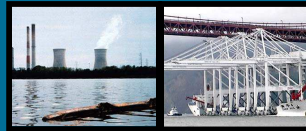
- Chemical releases
- Oil spills
- Nuclear power emergencies



## 3. *Terrorism*

## 4. *Space Weather*

## 5. *Public Health*



# My Take

1. *The focus continues to be protection of life and property*
2. *This is the most important change at the field level*
3. *Incident Meteorologists are “IN”*
4. *Put a knowledgeable person in earshot of decision makers*

# NOAAs NWS Future

1. *National Weather Service 2015*
2. *The Future*
  - High Impact – Decision Support – Mission Focus
3. *NWS Services Evolution*
  - Key Operational Shifts
4. *Customer Focus & Involvement*



# NOAAs NWS

1. *Significant changes to the NWS by 2015*
  - Operations
  - Services
  - Staffing
  - Mission Focus
2. *What doesn't change?*
  - Commitment to weather services (high impact)
  - Commitment by the staff



## Steve's Principles

1. *If you do what you love, you will love your job*
2. *Be a team player (it's not all about you but you benefit when the team is successful)*
3. *Be a good communicator*
4. *Be professional (use good moral judgement)*
5. *Service before self*

**Thank You for Your Time!**

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