National Weather Service 4th Quarter Review

December 8, 2003

NOAA NWS 4th Quarter Actuals - OR&F (\$ in Millions)



NWS OR&F Appropriations by Sub-Activity – 4th Quarter (\$K)

| Sub-Activity | Annual Plan (\$) | Actual Obligation (\$) | Percent (%) of Annual Plan Obligated | Variance from Plan to Date (\$) | Variance from Plan to Date % |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Operations and Research | 606,646.9 | 606,600.0 | 99.9% | 46.9 | 0.0% |
| Systems Operations & Maintenance | 88,584.7 | 87,941.5 | 99.3% | 643. <u>2</u> | 0.7% |
| TOTAL | 695,231.6 | 694,541.5 | 99.9% | 690.1 | 0.09% |

NOAA NWS 4th Quarter Actuals – PAC (\$ in Millions)



NOAA NWS PAC Appropriations by Sub-Activity – 4th Quarter (\$K)

| Sub-Activity | Annual Plan (\$) | Actual Obligation (\$) | Percent (%) of Annual Plan Obligated | Variance from Plan to Date (\$) | Variance from Plan to Date % |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Systems Operations & Maintenance (O&M) | 0.0 | -4.3 | 0% | 4.3 | 0% |
| Systems Acquisition | 58,760.8 | 57,388.3 | 97.7% | 1372.5 | 2.3% |
| Construction | 2,992.7 | 2,949.1 | 98.5% | 43.6 | 1.5% |
| TOTAL | 61,753.5 | 60,333.1 | 97.7% | 1,420.4 | 2.3% |

Tornado Lead Time





Funding

FY01

8.3

38.7

15.9

35.3

FY02

8.3

40.0

16.3

36.5

FY03

8.2

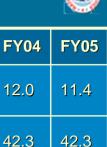
39.7

16.2

36.3

14.1

37.6



11.9

37.6

Timeline/Next Steps

- NEXRAD: Open Systems Radar Acquisition (FY05)
- AWIPS: LINUX Upgrades (FY02+)
- Improve forecaster capabilities:
 - Advanced Weather Operations Course (FY05)
 - NOAA Diversity Best Practices at local offices (Ongoing)

Issues

- AWIPS:
 - Bandwidth

NEXRAD PI (\$M)

NEXRAD O&M

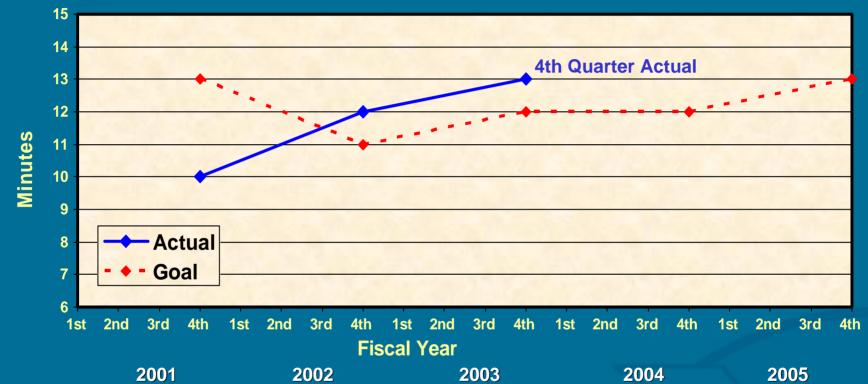
AWIPS PI (\$M)

AWIPS O&M (\$M)

(\$M)

- Processing speed
- Outyear product improvement budget

Tornado Lead Time



| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|
| Lead Time Annual Goal | | 11.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 |
| Lead Time Actual | 10.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 11.0 14.0 13.0 | N/A | N/A |
| NEXRAD PI (\$M) | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| NEXRAD O&M (\$M) | 38.7 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 42.3 | 42.3 |
| AWIPS PI (\$M) | 15.9 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 14.1 | 11.9 |
| AWIPS O&M (\$M) | 35.3 | 36.5 | 36.3 | 37.6 | 37.6 |

Tornado Lead Time



| Lead Time Annual Goal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 15.0 |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Lead Time Actual | 3.4 | 4 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.36 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | | | | |
| # Events | 667 | 661 | 1009 | 1261 | 1252 | 1189 | 1421 | 1128 | 1244 | 1269 | 1176 | 1544 | 1603 | 1045 | 1205 | 1028 | 1672 | | | | |

Strategic Plan Metrics Flash Flood Lead Time





Funding



| | FY01 | FY02 | FY03 | FY04 | FY05 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| NEXRAD PI (\$M) | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 12.0 | 11.4 |
| NEXRAD O&M (\$M) | 38.7 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 42.3 | 42.3 |
| AWIPS PI (\$M) | 15.9 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 14.1 | 11.9 |
| AWIPS O&M (\$M) | 35.3 | 36.5 | 36.3 | 37.6 | 37.6 |
| AHPS | 1.0 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| COOP | - | - | 3.0 | 4.2 | 10.0 |

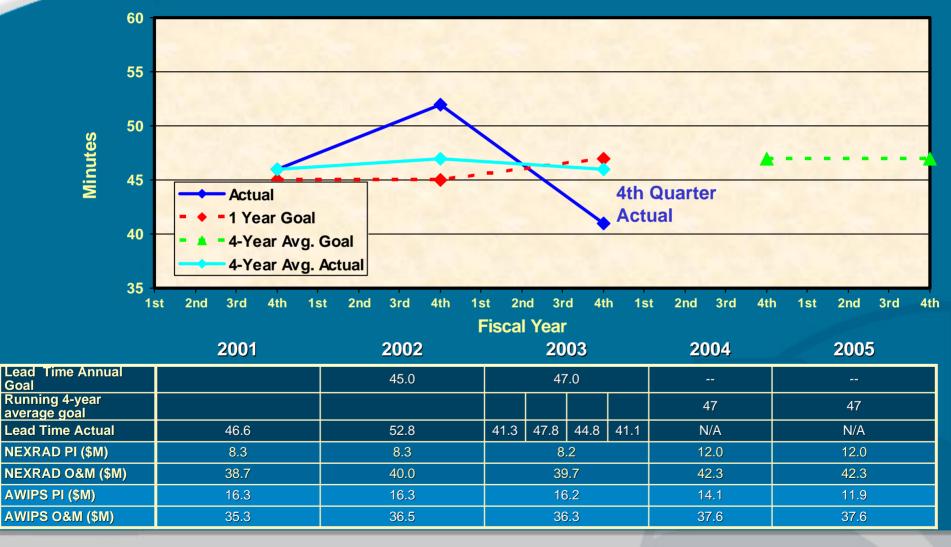
Timeline/Next Steps

- NEXRAD: Open Systems Radar Acquisition (FY05)
- AWIPS: LINUX Upgrades (FY02+)
- Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Services (AHPS) (FY03-FY05)
- ASOS precipitation gauge (FY03/04)
- Cooperative Observer Network Modernization (COOP) (FY03+)
- Convert metric to running, 4-year average for FY 04 (Modify strategic plan to reflect change)

<u>Issues</u>

- AWIPS:
 - Bandwidth
 - Processing speed
 - · Outyear product improvement budget
- AHPS and COOP Deployment Pacing
- Continued FFMP training is necessary to improve the warning capability at field offices.
- Continued AHPS funding is critical to the enhancement of flash flood services.

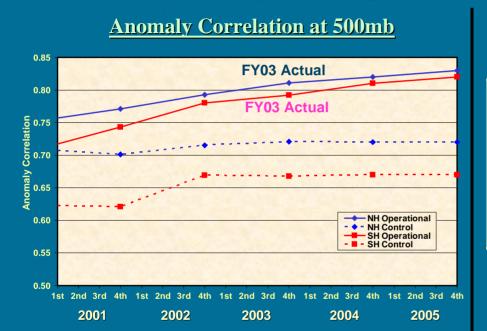
Strategic Plan Metrics Flash Flood Lead Time



Flash Flood Lead Time



5 Day Global Weather Model Performance (Anomaly Correlation at 500mb)



Funding



| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Budget (\$M) | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |

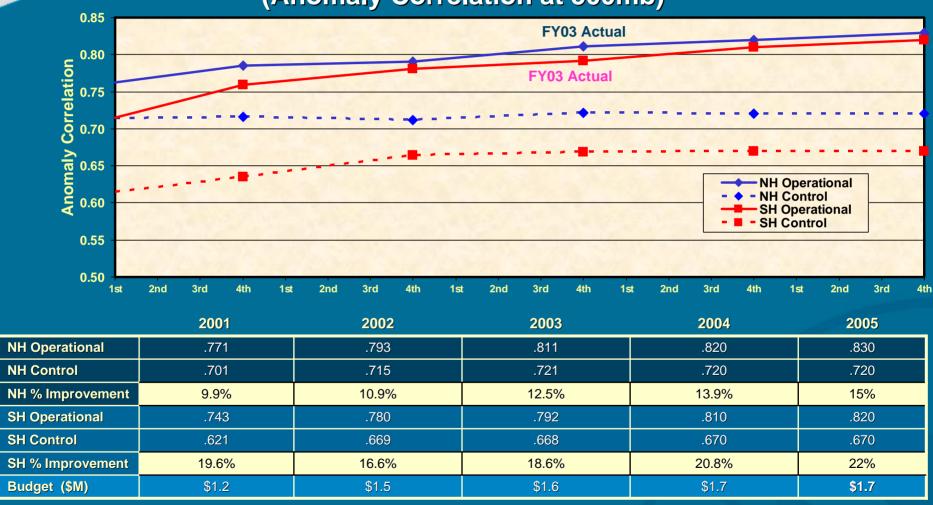
Timeline/Next Steps

- High Performance Computer Upgrades (FY03+)
- Improve Data Assimilation and Modeling
 - Increase Horizontal Resolution (FY05/FY08)
 - · Assimilate Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS) (FY04)
 - Improve Cloud and Radiative Physics (FY05/FY06)

<u>Issues</u>

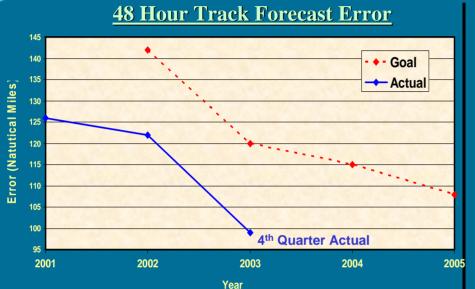
None

5 Day Global Weather Model Performance (Anomaly Correlation at 500mb)



Strategic Plan Metrics Average 48 Hour Track Forecast

Yearly Average 48 Hour Track Forecast Error
Atlantic Basin



Funding



| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Budget (\$M) | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 |

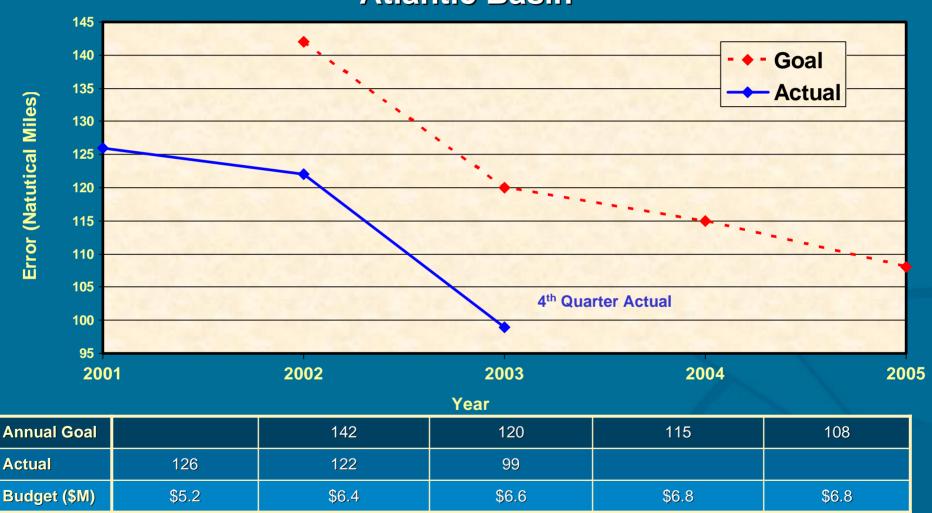
Timeline/Next Steps

- Hurricane Model Upgrades:
 - Increased vertical resolution (from 18 to 42 levels) (FY03)
 - Increased horizontal resolution (from 18km to 6 km) (FY10)
 - Improved physics (FY03 +)
- Aircraft Instrumentation Upgrades (FY03/04)
- Hurricane WRF (FY06)
- Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Projects (FY03 +)

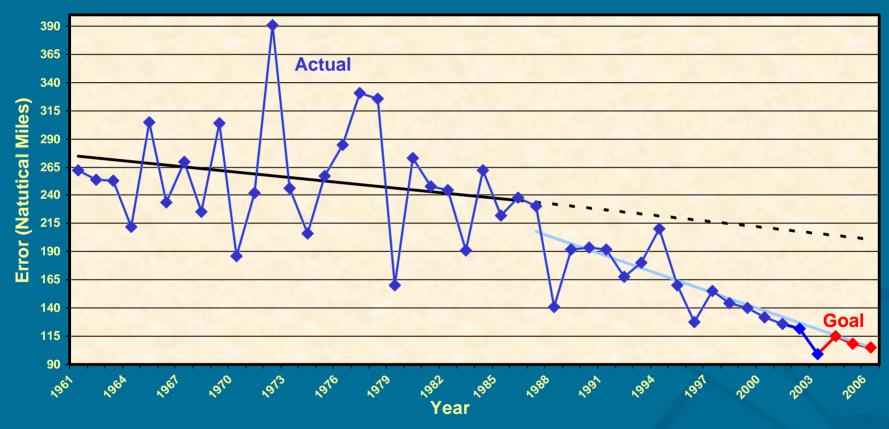
Issues

Hurricane Intensity Forecast Accuracy

Yearly Average 48 Hour Track Forecast Error **Atlantic Basin**



Yearly Average 48 Hour Track Forecast Error Atlantic Basin



| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Goal | | | | | | 142 | 120 | 115 | 108 | 105 |
| Actual | 155 | 144 | 140 | 132 | 126 | 122 | 99 | | | |

NOAA Strategic Plan Metrics StormReady/TsunamiReady Communities

Budget

(\$K)



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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | | | | |

20.0

20.0

20.0

Funding

15.0

Timeline/Next Steps

- 900 StormReady communities (FY07)
- Continue to promote StormReady to Emergency Managers and community officials (Ongoing)
- Develop new StormReady promotional materials (Ongoing)

Issues

15.0

- Increased workload on communities combined with limited resources
 - Homeland Security has become the highest priority for Emergency Managers and communities

StormReady/TsunamiReady Communities



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Strategic Plan Metrics

Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) Implementation

AHPS Implementation



Funding



| | FY01 | FY02 | FY03 | FY04 | FY05 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| AHPS (\$M) | 1.0 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 |

AHPS will provide \$766M in economic benefits each year following National implementation

Timeline/Next Steps

- 50% complete in FY 2006
- 100% complete in FY 2012

Issues

- FY 2004 Conference Mark reduces AHPS to 21% below FY 2003 funding
- Performance metrics

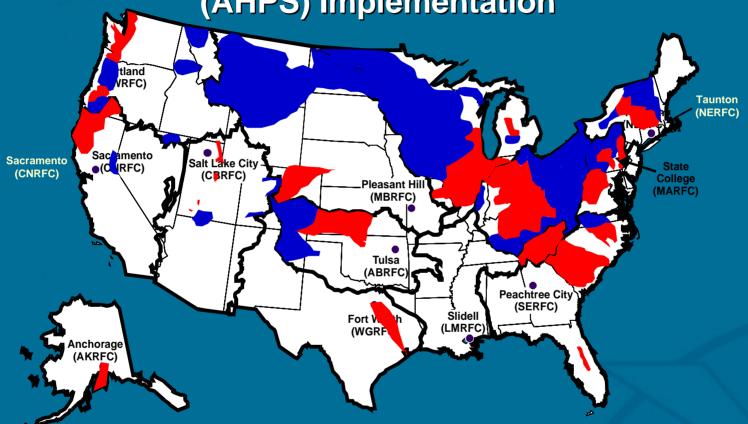
Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) Implementation



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Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) Implementation



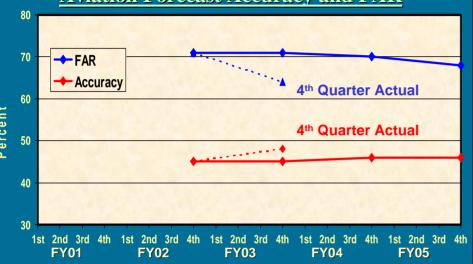
AHPS Base Expansion Areas

Areas Completed Through FY 2003 (717 Forecast Points)

Areas Covered by FY 2004 National AHPS (511 New Forecast Points)

Aviation Forecast Accuracy and False Alarm Rate (FAR)

Aviation Forecast Accuracy and FAR



Funding



| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Budget (\$M) | 66.7 | 69.2 | 70.6 | 73.3 | 75.5 |
| Aviation Initiative (\$M) | 0 | 0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |

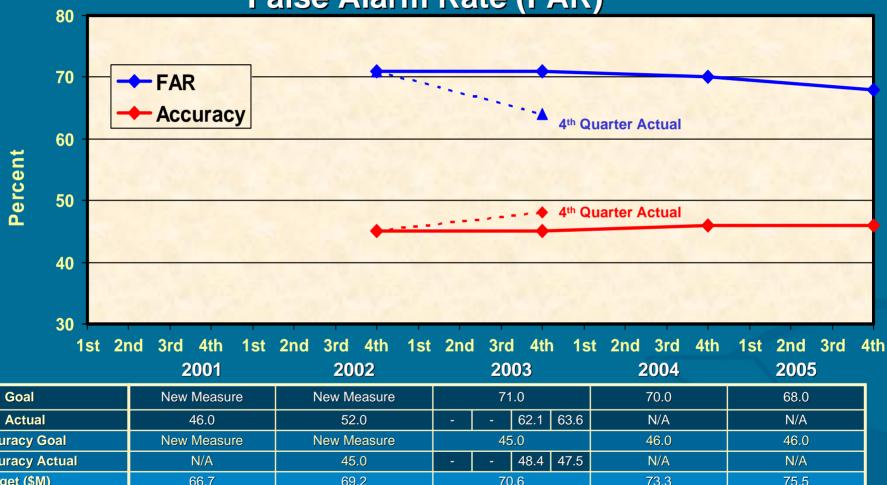
Timeline/Next Steps

- Obtain water vapor real time data to improve Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) model guidance (FY03-09)
- Develop and deploy TAF specific forecaster preparation tools (Version 1.0 – FY03, Version 2.0 – FY04)
- Develop and implement new ceiling/visibility forecast model tools (FY05)
- Develop and improve forecaster TAF training (First course released FY03 – Additional courses in development

<u>Issues</u>

- 2-6 hour convection forecasts recognized as one of most difficult
- FAA funding separate NCAR and MIT research efforts to improve forecast capability
- First generation ceiling/visibility forecast model guidance not expected to be fielded until FY05

Aviation Forecast Accuracy and False Alarm Rate (FAR)



| FAR Goal | New Measure | New Measure | 71.0 | 70.0 | 68.0 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------|------|
| FAR Actual | 46.0 | 52.0 | 62.1 63.6 | N/A | N/A |
| Accuracy Goal | New Measure | New Measure | 45.0 | 46.0 | 46.0 |
| Accuracy Actual | N/A | 45.0 | 48.4 47.5 | N/A | N/A |
| Budget (\$M) | 66.7 | 69.2 | 70.6 | 73.3 | 75.5 |
| Aviation Initiative (\$M) | - | - | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |

National Air Quality Forecast Capability

National Air Quality Forecast

Success Criteria:

• Forecast Accuracy: 90%

• On-Time Delivery of Forecasts: 94%

Funding

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| NWS Budget (\$M) | - | - | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |

Timeline/Next Steps

- Initial Operating Capability: Issue 1-Day Ozone Forecast for NE U.S. (FY04)
- Issue 1-Day Ozone Forecast Nationally (FY08)
- Issue 1-Day Particulate Matter Forecast for NE U.S. (FY08)
- Issue 1-Day Particulate Matter Forecast Nationally (FY13)
- Extend Ozone Forecasts to Day 2 and Beyond (FY13)

Issues/Comments

- Coordination with EPA
- Research funding for particulate matter forecasts
- Definition of Performance Metrics
- Optimal Observing Infrastructure

NOAA Congressional Reports Etheridge Report

| Action | Due Date | Completion Date | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| NWS Forwards to NOAA | Not Established | 4/10/03 | |
| NOAA Forwards to DOC | | 4/23/03 | |
| DOC Forwards to OMB | - | 5/2/03 | |
| OMB Provides Clearance | | 7/03 | |
| DOC Forwards to Congress | January 29, 2003 | 7/25/03 | |