

# Rear Admiral Titley Named as Deputy Under Secretary for Operations



Administrator Jane Lubchenko has announced Rear Admiral David Titley as the next Deputy Under Secretary for Operations (DUS/O) at NOAA, USA. As NOAA's Chief Operating Officer, Dr Titley will be responsible for managing operations across NOAA's entire portfolio and will serve as one of Dr Lubchenko's key advisors on NOAA programme and policy issues.

Dr Titley brings to this position experience in leading large, complex organisations and directing major operations around the world. A naval officer since 1980, Rear Admiral Titley's career has included seven deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Indian Ocean, and Western Pacific region and multiple commands (Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanographic Center, Naval Oceanography Operations Command, and Naval

Meteorology and Oceanography Command). Shore tours include serving on the staff of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and as the senior military assistant to the director of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In 2009, he assumed the duties of the oceanographer and navigator of the Navy, and in 2012, he became acting assistant deputy chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance. Dr Titley's education includes a Bachelor of Science in meteorology from the Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in meteorology and physical oceanography, and a PhD in meteorology, both from the Naval Postgraduate School. His dissertation focused on better understanding tropical cyclone intensification. He was elected a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society in 2009.

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