NCEI Overview

Responsible for hosting and providing access to one of the most significant archives on Earth

> Russell Vose, Chief Monitoring and Assessment Branch



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NCEI Mission

NCEI provides environmental data, products, and services covering the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun to drive resilience, prosperity, and equity for current and future generations.

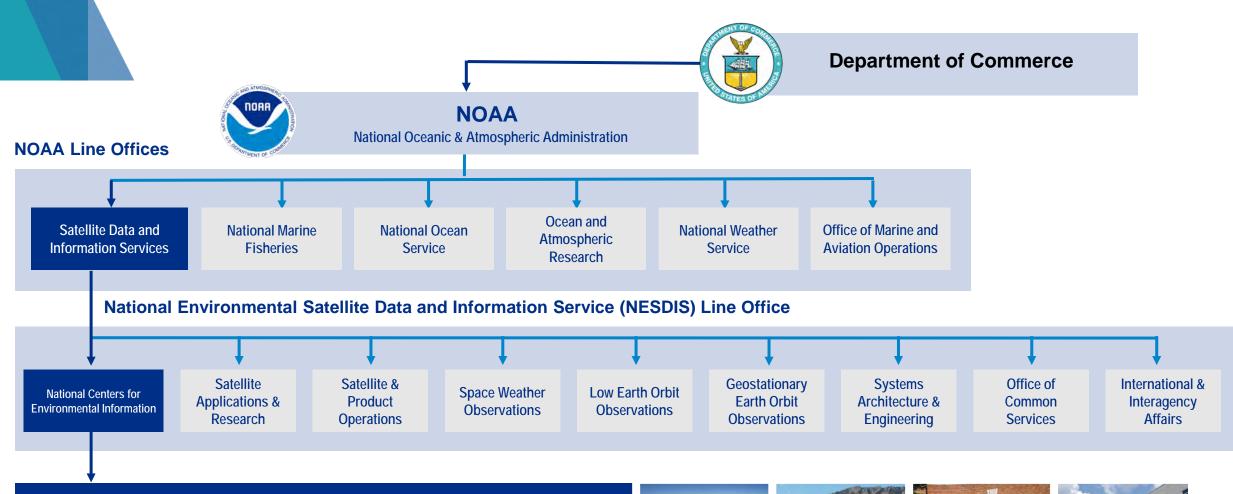
NCEI Vision

A tenacious and trusted leader in environmental information for a rapidly changing world with a focus on driving lasting good across our partnerships, our economy, around the U.S and the world through generations.









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Headquarters





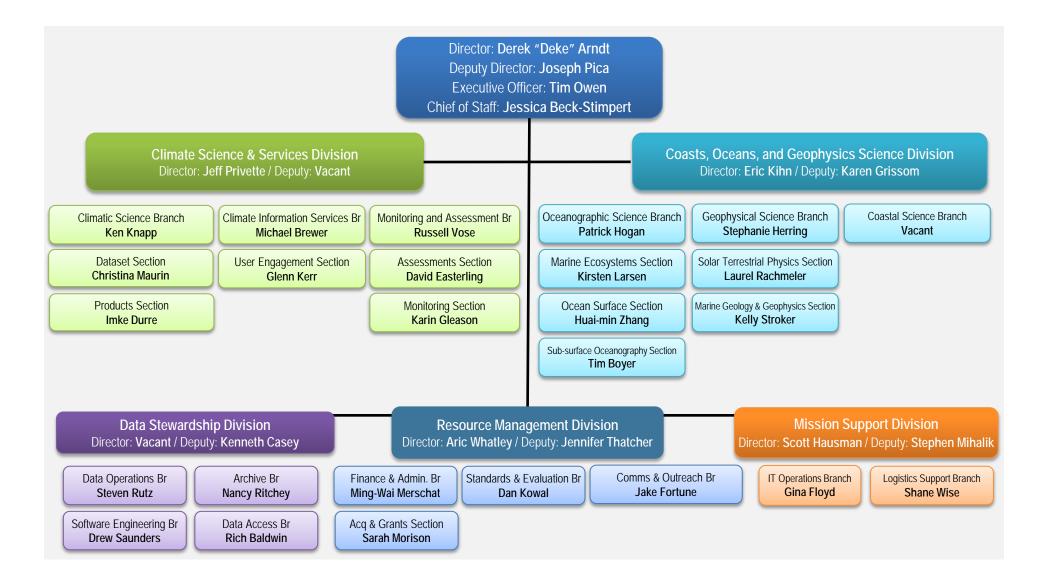
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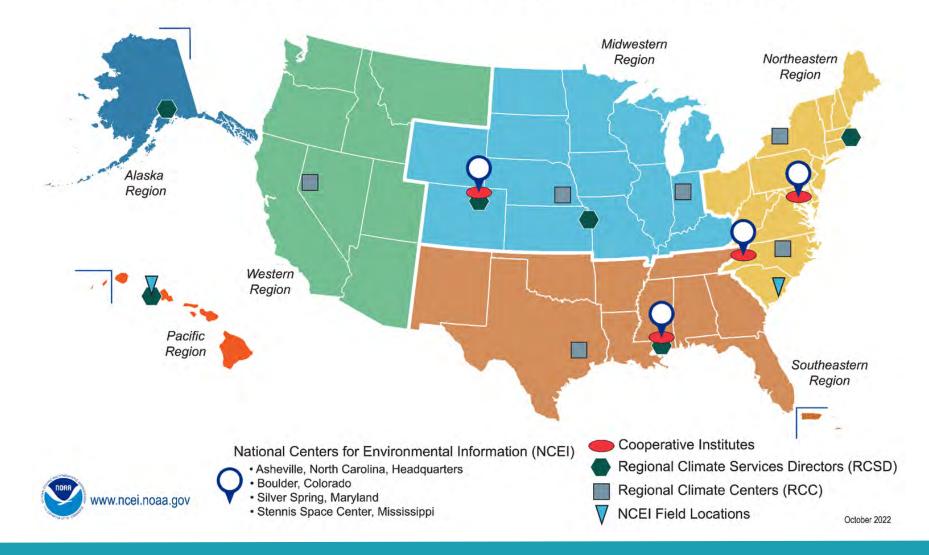
NCEI's Organizational Structure





NCEI's Nationwide Presence

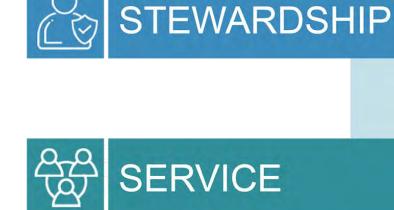
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NCEI's Organizational Culture

- INTEGRITY We hold the public's trust by demonstrating ethical behavior in all aspects of our operations
- TEAMWORK We cultivate cohesive, highly functioning teams
- AGILITY We embrace and rapidly respond to change

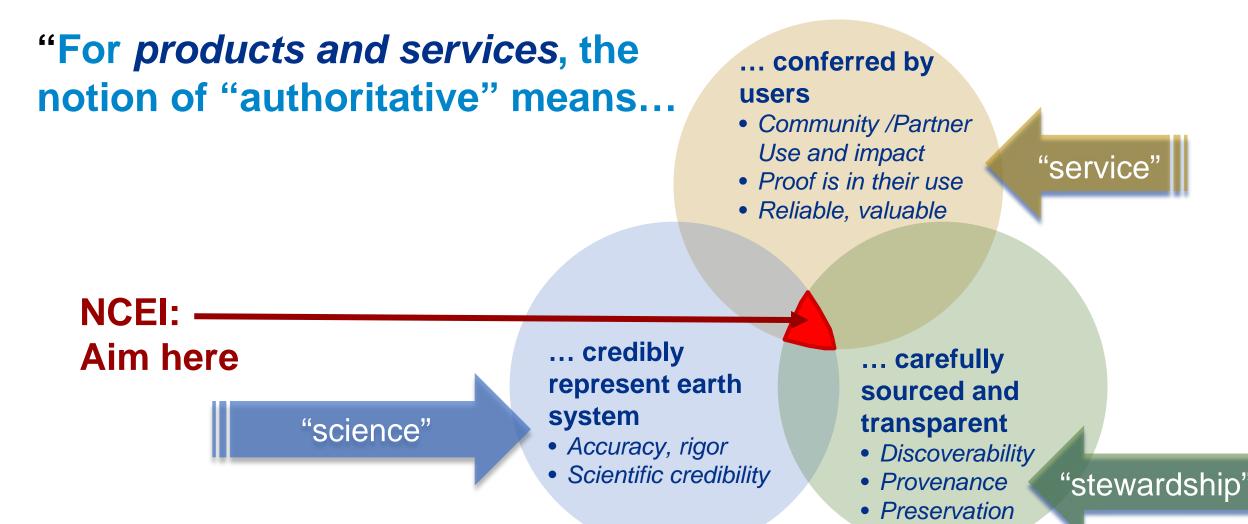


Stakeholders

- International
- Federal
- DOC/NOAA
- State/Local
- Academic
- NGOs
- Private Sector



NCEI's Authoritative Information





NCEI's Stakeholders by Sector



Science, Technology, and Engineering

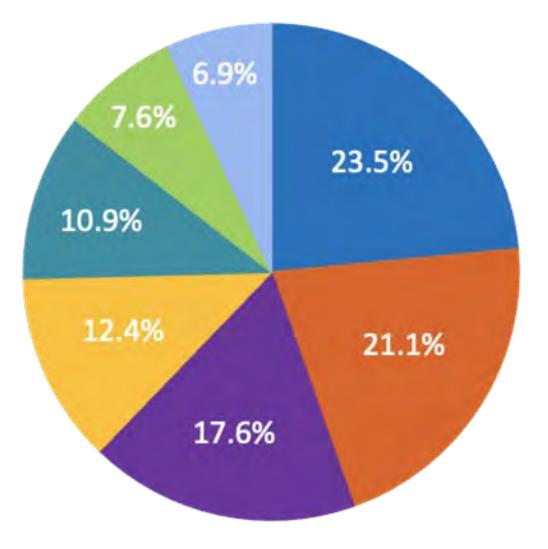
Ecosystems (Agriculture/Aquaculture)

Transportation and Infrastructure

Insurance, Finance, and Legal

Health and Emergency Management

Higher Education



NCEI's Gig: Turning Observations into Information

NOAA Observing Systems





















Research-quality products for decision making

Climate & Weather

- **Climate Assessments**
- **Climate Normals**
- **Billion \$ Disasters**
- **Drought Monitoring**

Oceans & Coasts

- **Tsunami Warning**
- **Coastal Digital Elevation Models**
- **Extended Continental Shelf**
- World Ocean Database

Geophysics

- **Space Weather**
- World Magnetic Model



NCEI's Tiers of Data Stewardship

Long Term Preservation and **Basic Access**

- Preserve original data with metadata for discovery and access
- Serve as expert advisors on standards for data providers and coordinate support agreements for sustainable data archiving

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Enhanced Access and Basic Quality Assurance

• Create complete metadata, automate QA and provide enhanced data access through specialized software services

02

Scientific Improvements

• Improve data quality or accuracy with scientific quality assessments. controls, warning flags, and corrections

03

Derived **Products**

• Distill, combine, or analyze products and data to create new or blended scientific data products

Authoritative Records

- Establish authoritative quality, uncertainties, and provenance
- National Services and International Leadership
- Establish highly specialized levels of data services and product

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Climate Information to Inform the Future



Climate at a Glance



Billion-Dollar Disasters



U.S. Drought Monitor



Regional Snowfall Index



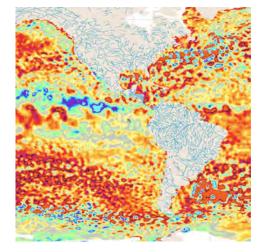
Tornado Climatology



Hourly Precipitation Data



Climate Extremes Index



Blended Sea Winds



Satellite CDRs (Ken)

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Climate Data Records

NOAA Climate Data Records (CDRs) can be used to manage natural resources and agriculture, measure environmental impacts on human health and community preparedness, and inform policy development and decision making for other sectors and interest groups.

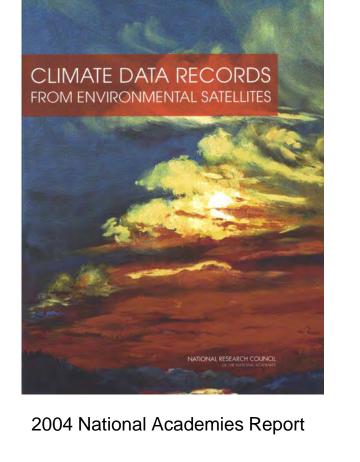
What are CDRs?

CDRs are robust, sustainable, and scientifically sound climate records that provide trustworthy information on how, where, and to what extent the land, oceans, atmosphere and ice sheets are changing. These datasets are thoroughly vetted time series measurements with the longevity, consistency, and continuity to assess and measure climate variability and change. NOAA CDRs are vetted using standards established by the <u>National Research Council (NRC)</u>.

NOAA CDRs are systematically generated and routinely assessed for quality. The first step in establishing an operational CDR includes public posting of the source code that generated the CDR dataset, the dataset itself, and supporting documentation through a six-phase Research-to-Operations process that is described in the Developers Guidelines.

- Fundamental CDRs contain sensor data (e.g., calibrated radiances)
- Thematic CDRs depict geophysical variables (e.g., precipitation)
- There are about 40 CDRs at NCEI





Climate Monitoring (Karin)

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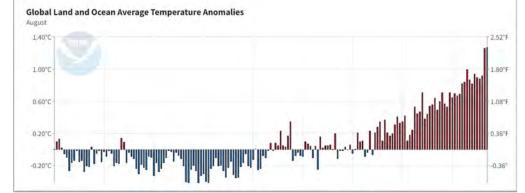
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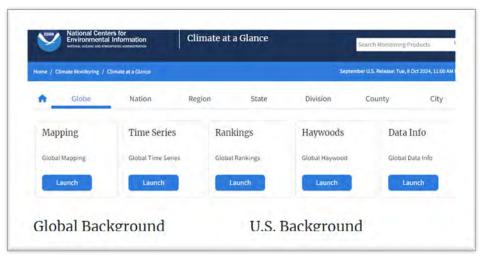
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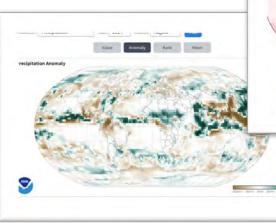
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August 2024

The August global surface temperature was 1.27°C (2.29°F) above the 20th-century average of 15.6°C (60.1°F), making it the warmes! August on record. This was 0.01°C (0.02°F) above the previous August record set last year, and the 15th consecutive month of record high global temperatures. August 2024 marked the 46th consecutive August (since 1979) with temperatures at least nominally above the 20th-century average.

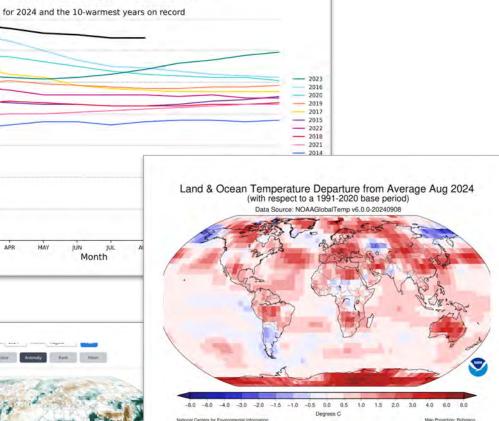






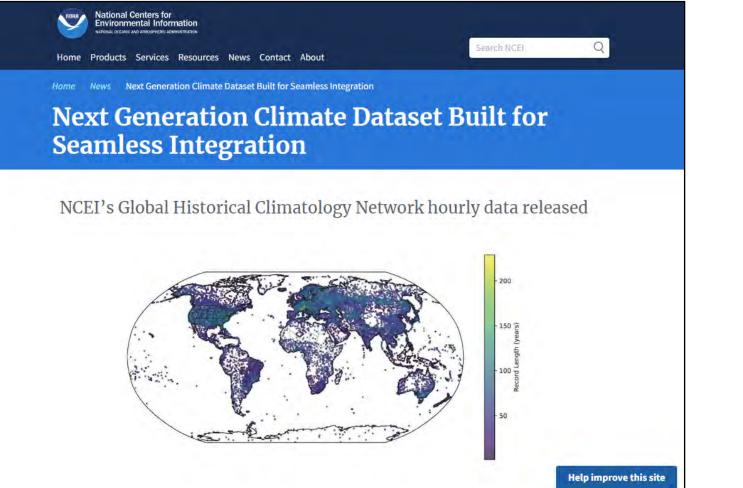
Global Year-to-Date Temperature Anomalies

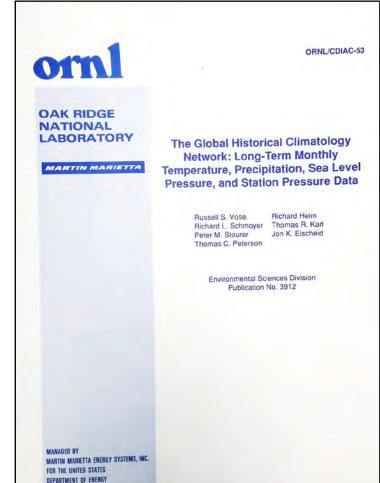
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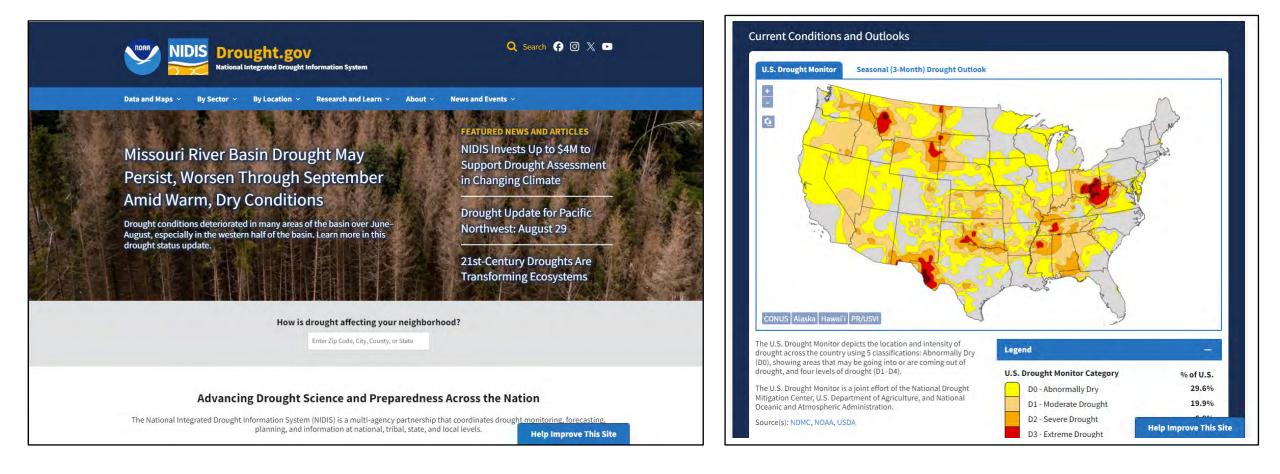
Flagship Datasets (Matt)





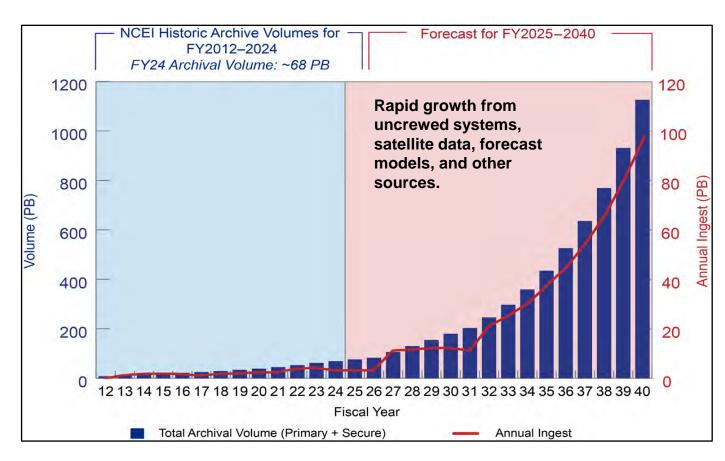


Climate Engine / Drought.gov (Steve)

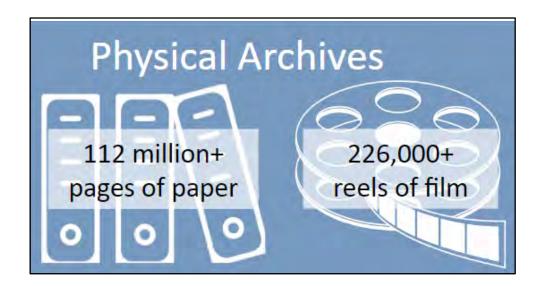




Climate Data Rescue (Jason)



This gets a lot of the attention

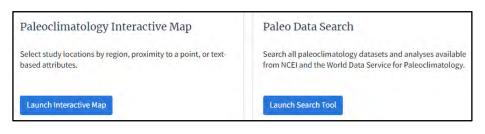


But there is a critical role for this



Best Practices for Making Data FAIR (Carrie)





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Paleoclimatology

NCEI manages the world's largest archive of climate and paleoclimatology data. Our mission is to preserve and make this data and information available in order to understand and model environmental variability on an interannual to millennial time scale. The Paleoclimatology team operates the World Data Service for Paleoclimatology and an Applied Research Service for Paleoclimatology, and partners with national and international science initiatives around the world to expand the use of paleoclimatology data.

Paleoclimatology data are derived from natural sources such as tree rings, ice cores, corals, stalagmites,

and ocean and lake sediments. These proxy climate data extend the weather and climate information archive by hundreds to millions of years. The data include geophysical or biological measurement time series and some reconstructed climate variables such as temperature and precipitation. Scientists use paleoclimatology data and information to understand natural climate variability and future climate









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Biden-Harris Administration invests \$85M for Industry Proving Grounds program to strengthen climate resilience through Investing in America agenda



Industry Proving Ground Sectors

Finance & Reinsurance



Retail



Architecture & Engineering





Common Themes

- Provide information and products in an easy to use format
 - Don't make me be a climate scientist
- Improve access by establishing a central repository for prioritized information
 - Don't give me the kitchen sink
- Co-develop new information to help with decision making
 - Don't treat me like a loading dock



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Coast, Oceans, and Geophysics

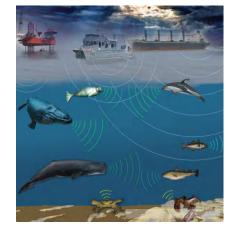
Providing data and information from the Sun to Earth's seafloor



Ocean Exploration Digital Atlas



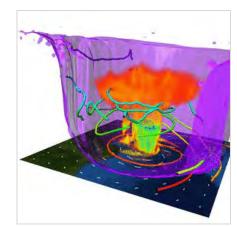
Enhanced Magnetic Model



Passive Acoustics



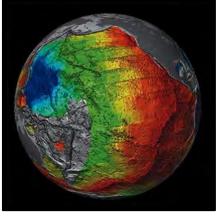
Gulf of Mexico Data Atlas



Model Reanalysis



Deep Sea Corals Data Portal



Bathymetry and Global Relief



World Ocean Database



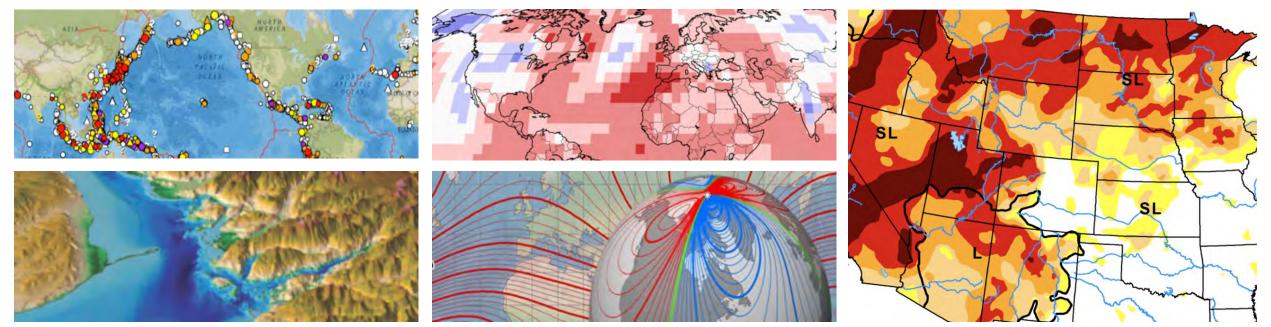
NCEI's Value to the Nation

Range of Products

- Time scale: Hourly to Decadal
- Geographic scale: Local to Global

Technical Expertise

- Aerosols to Coastal Inundation
- Drought Monitoring to Ocean Surface Winds
- Paleoclimatology to US/Global Climate Monitoring





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