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**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO  
SURFACE CURRENT WORKING GROUP (SCWG 1)  
SILVER SPRING, MD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 29 - 31 MAY 2013**

10 April 2013

Dear Members of the SCWG,

1. All members of the SCWG are hereby invited to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the SCWG which will be held at the NOAA campus in Silver Spring, MD, USA from May 29 to May 31, 2013. The latest Membership List is attached at Annex A.

2. Please let Kurt Hess know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. All foreign nationals attending the meeting must complete the registration form at Annex B and return it to Peter Stone (via fax) no later than 17 May 2013. The form is also available on the IHO-SCWG 1 web page ([http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=598&Itemid=838](http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=598&Itemid=838)).

3. Details of the hotel options are available in the Logistical Information document available on the IHO-SCWG 1 web page and at Annex C. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel.

4. Finally anyone requiring a letter of invitation from the USA for the purposes of obtaining a Visa to visit the United States is requested to inform Kurt Hess at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chairman, SCWG,  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wyatt', is written over a horizontal line.

David Wyatt  
Secretary SCWG

Annexes:

- A. SCWG membership list.
- B. SCWG 1 registration form for foreign nationals.
- C. SCWG 1 logistics information.

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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USA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	Russ Ives	Russell.C.Ives@nga.mil
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Expert Contributor	Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, USA	Brianna Sullivan	Briana@ccom.unh.edu

**FOREIGN NATIONAL VISITORS FORM**

Please fill out the fields below and submit to Peter Stone via fax at 301-713-4437.

Visitor First Name:

Visitor Last Name:

Gender:

Passport Number and Issuing Country:

Country of Citizenship:

Country of Residence:

Country of Birth:

Date of Birth:

## **2013 SURFACE CURRENTS WORKING GROUP:** **MAY 29-31**

### **Please RSVP to:**

Kurt Hess (kurt.hess@noaa.gov)

Coast Survey Development Laboratory, National Ocean Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office: (301) 713-2650X123

Mobile: (703) 403-7733

Fax: (301) 713-4501

### **Facility:**

NOAA Silver Spring Metro Center, Building 3 (SSMC3), Room 6836

1315 East West Highway

Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **Requirements for Security Clearance:**

Considering the number of attendees, please arrive 20 to 30 minutes early each day for security processing.

#### *U.S. Citizens:*

Please bring a government-issued ID with a photo and check in at the security station at the SSMC3 first floor. A NOAA employee will escort you into the building

#### *Foreign Nationals:*

Please fill out the accompanying foreign national visitors form, fax it to Peter Stone at 301-713-4437 by May 17, and also let Kurt Hess know once it is submitted. Upon arrival at SSMC3, please bring your passport, and check in at the security station at the SSMC3 first floor. A NOAA employee will escort you into the building.

### **HOTELS (most to least expensive):**

**Homewood Suites Silver Spring:** 301-565-0005

**Courtyard by Marriott Downtown:** 301-589-4899

**Hampton Inn Silver Spring:** 301-588-5887

**Sheraton Silver Spring:** 301-589-0800

**Doubletree by Hilton Silver Spring:** 301-589-5200

If you are looking for other lodging, NOAA's proximity to Metro means that staying in downtown DC is an option. However, please be aware that Silver Spring covers a very large area and some hotels listed in Silver Spring may be 5+ miles away. Also, if you need further assistance please contact me.

### **AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

The greater DC metro area is served by three airports, all of which are easily accessible from Silver Spring.

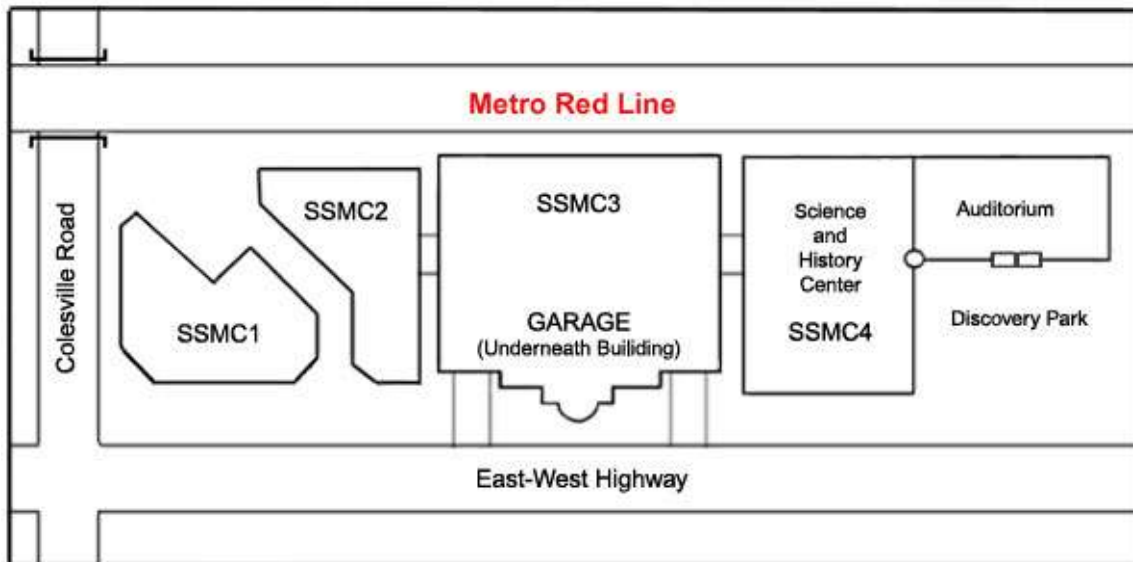
**Reagan National Airport:** 11.5 miles (18.4 km) from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$40 but also served by Metro rail for \$5 or less

**Baltimore-Washington International Airport:** 30.7 miles (49.4 km) from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$80 but you could also use the blue SuperShuttle vans (www.supershuttle.com or 800-BLUEVAN)

**Washington Dulles International Airport:** 31.8 miles (51.1 km) from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$80 but you could also use the blue SuperShuttle vans (www.supershuttle.com or 800-BLUEVAN)

Washington is served by three international airports. BWI and IAD are the largest. Flights to DCA are more limited, but it is also the only airport directly on the Metro line.





The NOAA Campus

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE SILVER SPRING METRO CENTER (SSMC):**

NOAA's SSMC is a series of four tall buildings adjacent to the Metro station in downtown Silver Spring. The 2013 SCWG meeting will be held in SSMC 3 at 1315 East West Highway, room 6836. Please arrive 20 to 30 minutes early to enter through security. When you enter the building take the elevators up to "1" and check in at the security desk. Then proceed through security and up to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. (When leaving, return to the Plaza level, marked "P", to reach the street.)

**BY METRO:** NOAA's SSMC is on the Metro Red Line at the Silver Spring stop (Glenmont direction from DC). Exit towards the south side of Colesville Road and head toward the NOAA complex (away from the construction site). Bear to the left to pass between the two tall buildings (SSMC1 and SSMC2). Turn left when you come to the street (East West Highway) and walk up the slight hill to SSMC3 at 1315 East West Highway.

General Metro information is available at  
<http://www.wmata.com/rail>

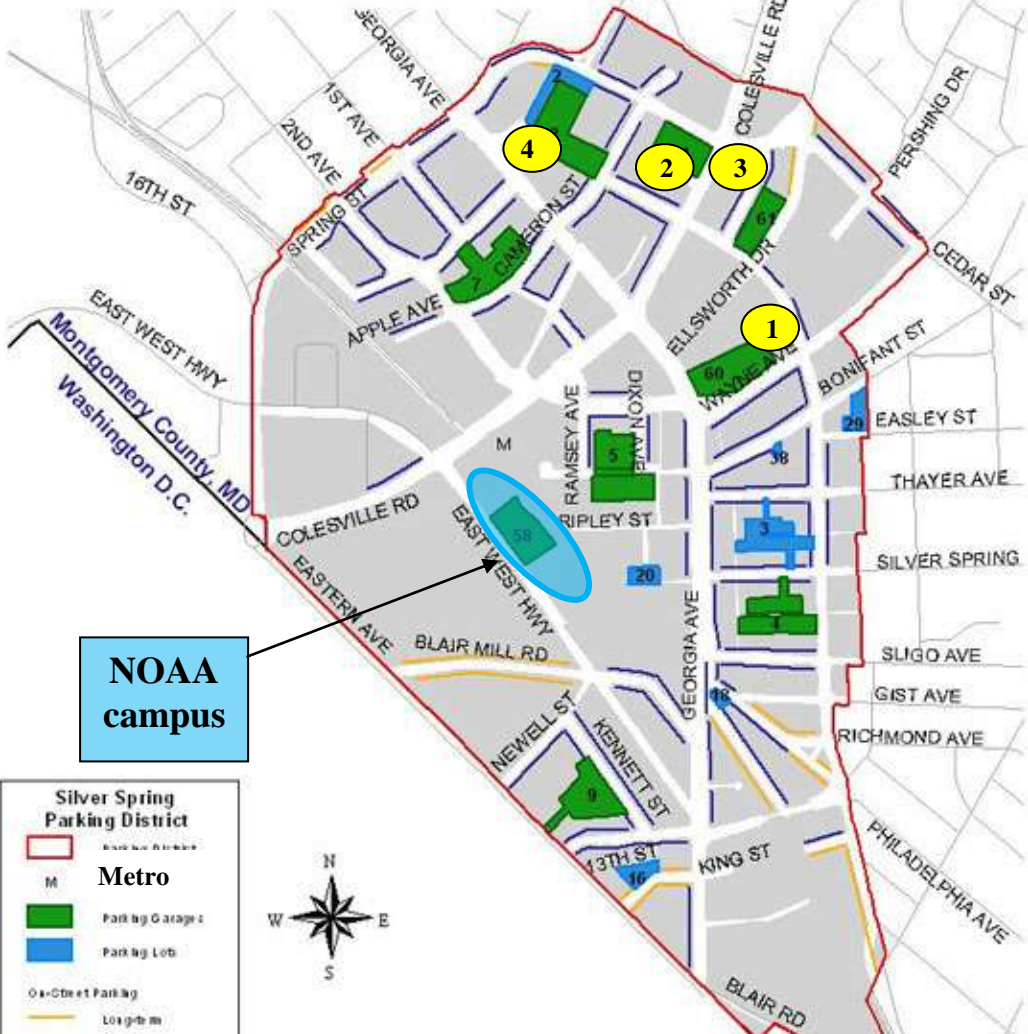
Metro maps in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish are available at  
[http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/print\\_map.cf](http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/print_map.cf)



**FROM DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING HOTELS:** To walk, ask directions to the Silver Spring Metro station; NOAA is on the opposite side of the station from downtown and follow the directions above.

**BY CAR:** Please note that there is limited metered parking available under SSMC3 (bring about \$7/day in change and arrive by 8 AM or so), but most of the spaces require monthly parking passes. You can also park at county parking garages which are across the Metro tracks from SSMC3. See the map on the next page for information. Parking Garage 58 is under NOAA building SSMC3 that has limited availability. If you are driving, you could use any of the green public garages (#5 and #1 are the closest).

# Silver Spring Parking District Map



**NOAA campus**

**Silver Spring Parking District**

- District Boundary
- M Metro**
- Parking Garage
- Parking Lot
- On-Street Parking**
- Long-term
- Short-term
- Roads
- Blocks
- County Boundary

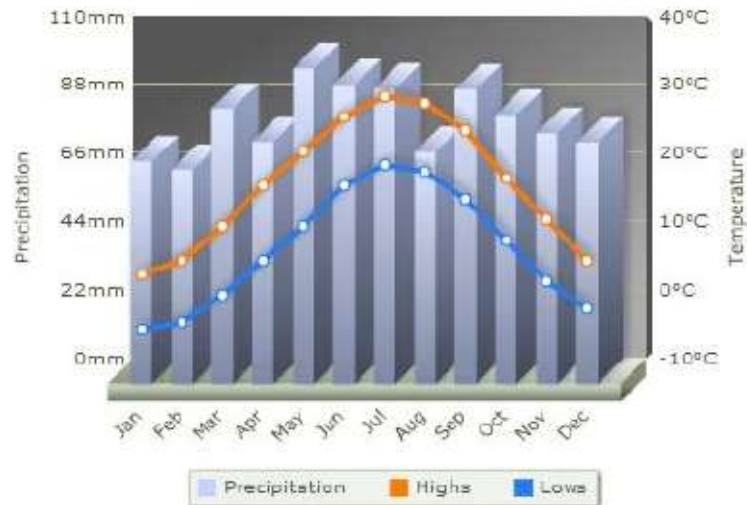
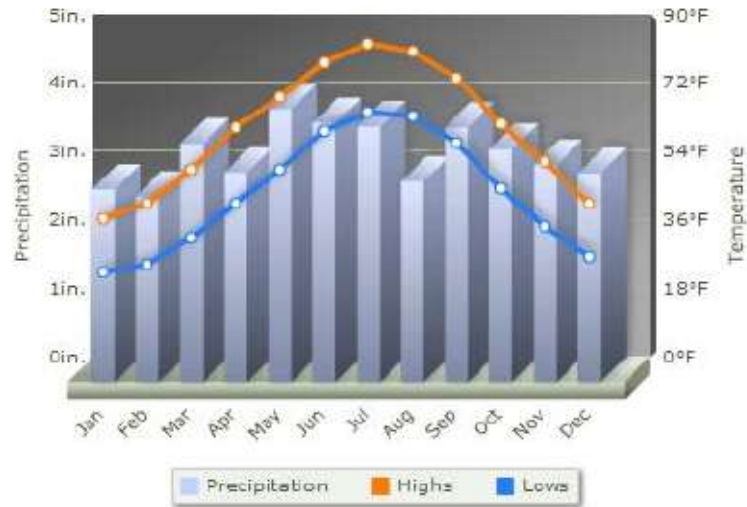


Source: Montgomery County Government  
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- 1. Courtyard by Marriott
- 2. Hampton/Homewood
- 3. Doubletree by Hilton
- 4. Sheraton



## Washington D.C. Area Weather



## Internet Sites with Additional Information

These are just a few of the thousands of resources with information about the Washington, D.C. area. You are encouraged to explore other resources as well.

The links below are provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute endorsement of any product, service, organization, company, information provider, or content by NOAA, the Department of Commerce or the U.S. Government.

Silver Spring, Maryland  
Local Dining and other Amenities  
[www.silverspringdowntown.com](http://www.silverspringdowntown.com)

Smithsonian Museums  
[www.si.edu/Museums](http://www.si.edu/Museums)

Washington, D.C. Tourist Information  
[washington.org/about-washington-dc](http://washington.org/about-washington-dc)