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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 8:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: required training for AWC for aviation icing...

Paul,

Initial response from AWC on the GOES 16 training. I'll forward more when I get it. But let me know if you have any questions about what Deb provided below.

Lora

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, May 18, 2018 at 8:25 AM
Subject: Re: required training for AWC for aviation icing...
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Lora,

Our staff went through the required GOES-16 training that all of the NWS did. Outside of that, we haven't required any. Amanda Terborg, our satellite specialist, works in implement new satellite imagery into operations and then sends information to that staff on how to use the imagery. None of this is required though. I asked Amanda if AWC forecast ops has access to all the GOES-16 imagery, but I haven't heard back from her yet.

Most of the training our forecasters go through with respect to icing/turbulence is on the job training and short seminars that we give in-house. We conducted a short seminar in April focusing on turbulence. We have not conducted one on icing yet. It probably wouldn't help do conduct one on icing at this time since there isn't much to forecast right now. The best time to do this would be in the fall.

Let me know if you need more information.

Deb

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On Thu, May 17, 2018 at 12:46 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:
Deb, Bruce,

Below is an information request from NTSB regarding GOES 16 training for AWC forecasters. Bruce, I went ahead and copied you since you probably have good knowledge of the subject from your previous post.

By directive, there are only 4 courses required of NWS forecasters and none of them are any type of satellite training. So, anything required of AWC would have to come from management on-site.

From NTSB:

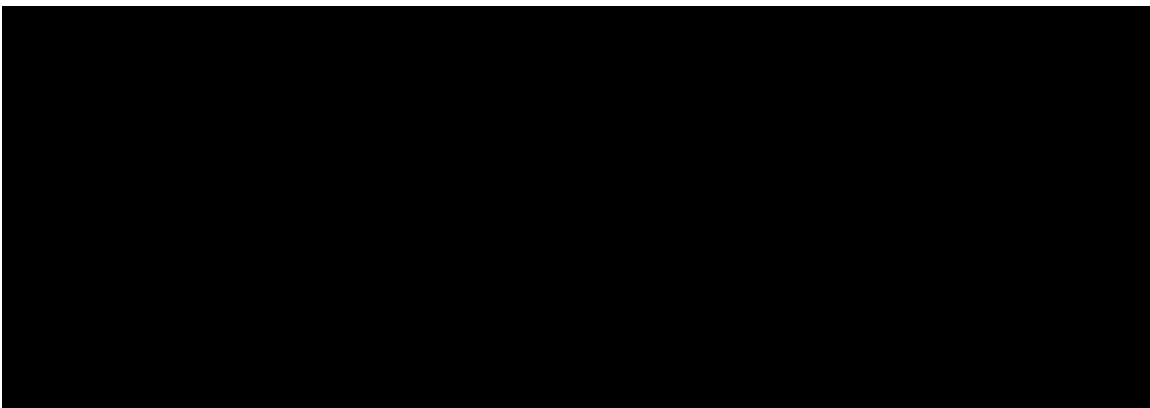
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Also, does AWC have access to all the GOES-16/R imagery currently and what date did they get full access?

Thanks for any info you can provide for this request!

Thanks,
Lora



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Subject: required training for AWC for aviation icing...
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Lora,

Hope your Thursday is going well!

I'm working on this Elko, NV, accident with Scott Birch. He has been super helpful in determining what is required GOES-R/16/17 training for western region and CWSUs therein....

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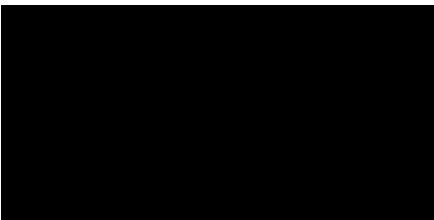
Thank you!

Paul

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