



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

January 22, 2024

Mr. John R. Kreider
Chair
NOAA Science Advisory Board
1061 Honeyhill Lane
Tryon, NC 28782

Dear Mr. Kreider:

Thank you for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Science Advisory Board Report on the National Solar Observatory's Global Oscillation Network Group (GONG) and its Successor Data Source for Space Weather Operations.

The NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) supports the choice of the next-generation GONG (ngGONG) program as a replacement for the aging GONG network. The ngGONG ensures the capability to continue existing space weather services and supports data collection for future improvements.

In compliance with congressional direction, NWS will continue to collaborate with the National Science Foundation and other ngGONG partners to determine the most effective way to fund and complete the development phase of this program. NWS intends to provide continued funding for GONG operations and, thereafter, for ngGONG operations, consistent with today's practices and the availability of appropriated funds.

I appreciate the report and recommendations therein. Ajay Mehta, the Director of the NWS' Office of Observations, serves as the point of contact for this issue. Mr. Mehta can be reached at (301) 427-9778 or Ajay.Mehta@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Spinrad".

Dr. Richard W. Spinrad
Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

