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Opening Statement of Chairman Alan B. Mollohan

***The Place of NOAA Science and the National Institute of
Standards and Technology in the Overall Science Enterprise***

Good afternoon Dr. Avery and Dr. Serum. Yesterday we received an overview of science in the US and examined the role of NASA and NSF in the overall science enterprise. This afternoon we will examine the role of the two other research agencies under our jurisdiction – NOAA and NIST – both of which are included in the Department of Commerce.

Following the issuance of the report *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* there has been a bipartisan effort to double the fiscal year 2006 funding of NIST along with NSF and the Department of Energy Office of Science over 10 years. The stimulus funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 increased FY 2009 funding for NIST by roughly 70% while providing a roughly 20% boost to NOAA. Looking forward, it is important for this subcommittee to understand the relative roles and status of the different research agencies. We look forward to learning more from Dr. Avery about NOAA and from Dr. Serum about NIST.