

## Paperwork Reduction Act Guidance

Policies and Procedures Regarding Use of the NOAA Space-Based Data Collection Systems (15 CFR 911) explains the system use policy for using the Argos DCS to ensure that the Government will not allow its space-based data collection systems to be used where there are commercial space-based services available that fulfill users' requirements. The regulation contains the minimum information requirements necessary to determine if a user meets these criteria and is thereby granted use of the Argos DCS. In accordance with the regulation, responses to the collection of information are mandatory to conclude agreements for use of the NOAA DCS.

A standard part of the system use agreement with accepted applicants is that the user must provide free and open access to the data by U.S. Government agencies. No confidentiality is promised or provided.

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