

# DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CIVILIAN CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## Solicitation of Applicants for Physical Science Series

**Salary Range:** <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>  
Positions within Naval Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) vary in grade level ranging from GS-05 through GS-15. Pay is determined by grade level base pay plus locality. Please utilize the link above to view current pay tables.

<b>Job Locations:</b>	<b>Stennis Space Center, Mississippi</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Pearl Harbor, Hawaii</b>
	<b>Monterey, California</b>	<b>Suitland, Maryland</b>	<b>Naples, Italy</b>
	<b>San Diego, California</b>	<b>Norfolk, Virginia</b>	<b>Yokosuka, Japan</b>
	<b>Flagstaff, Arizona</b>		

*METOC has a global civilian workforce that supports the U.S. Navy; works with Naval Research Laboratory and the Office of Naval Research in the design and testing of cutting edge unmanned and autonomous surface and subsurface instruments; and partners with industry to solve the most challenging issues in marine sciences, meteorology, and oceanography.*

***From the bottom of the ocean to the stars; it starts with us.***

### ***About the Job:***

These disciplines are covered under the Physical Scientist series:

Professional Occupational Series (1301, 1310, 1313, 1340, 1360)

- *General Physical Scientist (1301)* – professional work in the physical sciences in a combination of fields.
- *Physics (1310)* – advise, administer, supervise, or perform research or other professional and scientific work in the investigation and application of the relations between space, time, matter, and energy in the areas of mechanics, sound, optics, heat, electricity, magnetism, radiation, or atomic and nuclear phenomena.
- *Geophysics (1313)* – investigation, measurement, analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of geophysical phenomena and artificially applied forces and fields related to the structure, composition, and physical properties of the earth and its atmosphere.
- *Meteorology (1340)* – basic and applied research into the conditions and phenomena of the atmosphere; the collection, analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of meteorological data to predict weather and determine climatological conditions for specific geographical areas; the development of new or the improvement of existing meteorological theory; and the development or improvement of meteorological methods, techniques, and instruments.
- *Oceanography (1360)* - collection, measurement, analysis, evaluation and interpretation of natural and physical ocean phenomena, such as currents, circulations, waves, beach and near-shore processes, chemical structure and processes, physical and submarine features, depth, floor configuration, organic and inorganic sediments, sound and light transmission, color manifestations, heat exchange, and similar phenomena

Technician Occupational Series (1311, 1341, 1371)

- *Physical Science Technician (1311)* - perform technical work in such fields as astronomy, chemistry, geology, physics, geophysics, health physics, metallurgy, and oceanography
- *Meteorological Technician (1341)* - knowledge of weather forecasting, observation, documentation, research, or other areas of meteorology and apply principles and methods, as

well as skill in collecting data, making observations, forecasting weather, verifying data and using meteorological equipment

- *Cartographic Technician (1371)* - practical knowledge of the processes, practices, methods, and techniques involved in constructing new or revised maps, charts, and related cartographic products.

***Basic Requirements:***

To qualify for any professional position within this series, you must have:

- 1) Degree: physical science, engineering, or mathematics that included 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science such as mechanics, dynamics, properties of materials, and electronics. All academic degrees and coursework must be from accredited or pre-accredited institutions.

**OR**

- 2) Combination of education and experience -- education equivalent to one of the majors shown above that included at least 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science, plus appropriate experience, or additional education.

To qualify for a technician position within this series, you must have:

- 1) You must demonstrate you possess the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to qualify for the position. Work within this series does not require full professional knowledge equivalent to that represented by completion of a bachelor's degree.

Appointments to Federal position will be made at the GS-05 to 15 level and are based on the applicant's education and/or experience.

***How to apply:***

Submit resumes with transcripts via email to **metocjobs@us.navy.mil**. Candidates are encouraged to submit unofficial versions of transcripts, if applicable, to assist in determining whether they meet Office of Personnel Management qualification requirements. Transcripts should list all coursework, credit hours completed, and the student's name. Cover letters are not required but are strongly encouraged. Highly qualified applicants will be contacted via email to schedule a job interview.

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command will accept resumes to fill vacancies under the Direct Hire Authority for Certain Personnel of the Department of Defense.

***Benefits:***

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/pay-administration/fact-sheets/federal-employee-compensation-package/> and <https://www.opm.gov/about-us/careers-at-opm/worklife-benefits/>

***Please Note:***

**This position is subject to satisfactory completion of a security investigation and may be subject to drug testing.**

Starting salaries are commensurate with education and experience, plus full benefits.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Males born after December 31, 1959, are required to be registered with the Selective Service System.



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