

# Southeast Regional Climate Center Free Data Distribution Policy

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Data may be offered at no cost to customers for the following reasons:

1. Federal, state, and local law enforcement investigation of violation of laws, regulations, etc.
2. Defense of the U.S. or State Government, or Government prosecution of federal or state crimes (U.S./State Attorneys, magistrates, etc).
3. Data and ACIS/CLIMOD subscriptions provided to teachers and students at all levels to achieve agency education goals, provided that credit is given to the SERCC each time data is used.
4. Data (up to \$50) and ACIS/CLIMOD subscriptions provided to members of the media, provided that credit is given to the SERCC each time data is used.
5. Valid data exchange agreements (e.g. USDA FSA).
6. Any NOAA office (including NWS offices, other RCCs, and NCDC).
7. U. S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, Office of Secretary of Commerce.
8. Federal Emergency Management Agency and National Transportation Safety Board investigating national disasters.
9. Replacement data to correct agency order error, or legitimate customer service complaint.

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The Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) guarantees the access to data, not that the data will be provided at no cost. Appropriate authority has determined that climate data is in the public domain and therefore not subject to FOIA regulations (i.e.: no charge for the data itself).

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