

## Getting started in WSSRD

To access WSSRD, use the URL **noaa.imcwg.com**

You have been given access to most of the datasets ("cabinets" in WSSRD terminology).

When you log in, the first screen you see will be a **list of categories**.

You can expand the categories to see which cabinets they contain.

Each category contains several cabinets. For example, Publications contains cabinets for Climatological Data, LCD's, Storm Data, etc.

When you select a cabinet you will be presented with a **search screen** giving the index fields for that cabinet. These are just fields which allow you to narrow your search for specific documents, for example, by restricting dates, state, station name, etc.

You can enter specific values, use an \* wildcard or click on the E (Expression) or L (List) buttons for each field to do searches by boolean expressions or multiple values. When you click the Submit button, WSSRD will search for documents that match your criteria.

Any documents found will be displayed in lists of 20 per page, with a maximum of 250 to 750 documents at one time, depending on cabinet.

Each line of the list has a document icon followed by the field values for that document. The list can be sorted by any of the headers by clicking on the header once for normal sort, again for reverse sort, etc.

When you see a document that you want to display, click the document icon.

**NOTE:** the very first time you do this you will be asked (if you're in Windows) if you want to grant access for downloading (but not installing) a viewer from Daeja Systems.

**Grant this access with the "always trust" box checked.**

Depending on the cabinet and the speed of your internet access the document should be displayed in just a second or so - although the first will take longer because of the viewer download. I will leave the details of image navigation and manipulation to your experimentation and to the **online Users Guide** available through the **help** link in WSSRD.

Good luck, and if you run into any problems, please call Roger Winchell at 828-271-4040, or e-mail Roger.L.Winchell@noaa.gov