

Sky Threats Veiled from Public Eyes by Shadow Gov't
Posted by John Dinardo
Oct. 5th, 2013

From the National Radio Astronomy Observatory:

"Effective 7 p.m. EDT, Friday, 4 October 2013, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) temporarily suspended all US operations because of the US Federal government shutdown. All NRAO facilities and buildings are closed; NRAO personnel, other than a skeleton crew, are on furlough and cannot respond to emails or phone calls. All events and operations for the science community and the public are cancelled until further notice at the following NRAO facilities:

NEW MEXICO

- Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA)
- Pete V. Domenici Science Operations Center
- VLA Visitor Center
- Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA)
- All NRAO-New Mexico support buildings & facilities

WEST VIRGINIA

- Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope (GBT) and other telescopes
- Jansky Lab
- Green Bank Science Center
- All NRAO-West Virginia support buildings & facilities

VIRGINIA

- NRAO Headquarters
- North American ALMA Science Center
- Central Development Laboratory

The Joint ALMA Observatory in Chile will continue normal operations. "