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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Frederick J. Meny, Jr. Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT:

Audit of NOAA's Management of Its Active Directory (#2021-388)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) management of its Active Directory (AD). Our objective is to determine whether NOAA has adequately managed its AD to protect mission critical systems and data.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss our audit objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1931 or Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 482-6121.

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