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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Closeout of Audit of Departmental Grants Management Oversight
Efforts to Prevent and Detect Fraud (STL-19228)

This memo is to advise you that the Office of Inspector General has terminated the audit of the Departmental Grants Management Oversight Efforts to Prevent and Detect Fraud in order to focus our attention on other grants management oversight operations.

Our office issued two reviews related to grants management oversight in October 2009 and March 2010:

- *NIST Construction Grants and NOAA Habitat Restoration Grants Are Competitively Awarded but Improvements Are Recommended for NIST's Selection Documentation, NOAA's Management of Applicant Risk, and Commerce's Pre-Award Guidance on Background Checks*, ARR-19841, October 2009; and
- *Missing Audit Reports from NIST ATP Grant Recipients*, ATL-19891, March 2010.

Additionally, we have recently started an audit to review American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 grant fraud prevention and detection strategies for EDA, NIST, NOAA, and NTIA. We would like to thank you and your staff for your cooperation during the course of this audit. If you have any questions, please contact David Sheppard, Regional Inspector General—Seattle, at (206) 220-7967.

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