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The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Todd J. Zinser
The Inspector General
Department of Commerce

FROM: Jane Lubchenko, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere

SUBJECT: NOAA's Acquisition of Facilities to House the Marine Operations
Center-Pacific (Your Memorandum of May 26, 2010)

Thank you for your memorandum of May 26, 2010, concerning this subject. I appreciate your sharing with me the status of your office's ongoing review of the issues raised in the March 5, 2010 letter from Chairwoman Maria Cantwell and Ranking Member Olympia Snowe of the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. I take these issues very seriously and am committed to ensuring that we appropriately address any findings and recommendations resulting from your office's review, once that review is completed and we have been briefed on the finding and conclusions.

In the interim, I have asked NOAA's Deputy Under Secretary, Mary Glackin, to review the issue raised in your May 26, 2010, memorandum, and to ensure appropriate actions are taken to address this issue as NOAA finalizes its analysis of practicable alternative, as recommended by the Government Accountability Office in their December 2, 2009, protest decision.

THE ADMINISTRATOR



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