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MEMORANDUM FOR: Neil Jacobs  
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SUBJECT: Audit of Joint Polar Satellite System Instruments Acquisition and Development (#2019-348)

We are initiating an audit of NOAA’s Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS). Our objective is to assess the cost, schedule, and technical performance of acquisition and development efforts for selected JPSS instruments.

We intend to hold an entrance conference in early May 2019, at which time we will discuss our objective in more detail. In the meantime, we will begin coordinating with managers from the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service and the JPSS program to request documents and other information.

If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 482-1931. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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