



October 4, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Neil Jacobs
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation
and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary of
Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

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

SUBJECT: Evaluation of NOAA's Ship Fleet Requirements Management
Processes (#2020-356)

We are initiating an evaluation on NOAA's ship fleet acquisition efforts. The objective for this evaluation is to determine the adequacy of NOAA's ship fleet requirements management processes.

We contracted with the MITRE Corporation, an independent firm, to perform an assessment of NOAA's ship fleet requirements management processes. My office will oversee the progress of the assessment to ensure it meets contract terms. We will issue an evaluation report in accordance with quality standards for inspection and evaluation.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss our objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-1931 or Amni Samson, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (571) 272-5561.

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