



December 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: Wynn W. Coggins
Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary
for Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

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

SUBJECT: Audit of the Department's Compliance with Aspects of the
Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (#2022-417)

In accordance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-254, H.R. 302, Subtitle F), we are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) collection, production, acquisition, maintenance, distribution, use, and preservation of geospatial data. Our objective is to assess the Department's progress toward compliance with Geospatial Data Act requirements under section 759(a).

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference for January 2022, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and information needs. If you have any questions regarding this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-1931 or Kevin Ryan, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 698-0791.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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