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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Jane Lubchenco
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FROM: Ann C. Eilers 
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SUBJECT: Review of NOAA's Approach in Defining and Reporting on the
Asset Forfeiture Fund

Based on our understanding of the status of NOAA's action plan, we have adjusted the scope of the review detailed in our original November 19, 2010, notification letter. Our review will still focus on NOAA's efforts to address issues related to its Asset Forfeiture Fund as a result of our July 1, 2010 report (OIG-19887-1).

With the understanding that implementation efforts are still in progress, our review will address the following objectives:

- Has NOAA properly defined assets comprising the Asset Forfeiture Fund, including the completeness and accuracy of its funding sources?
- Has NOAA appropriately defined allowable uses of fund assets and developed controls over collections and disbursements?
- Is the Clifton Gunderson audit plan designed to provide reliance on the AFF cash balance as of March 31, 2011, and is the firm able to provide an opinion on the balance?

We will contact the audit liaison to arrange an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-2754, or Andrew Katsaros, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 482-7859.

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