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MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Grimm
Chief of Staff, performing the duties of Under Secretary of
Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA
Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



FROM: Kevin D. Ryan
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SUBJECT: Audit of National Weather Service Staffing
Project No. 2025-523

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS) staffing. Our objective is to determine whether staffing levels, hiring limitations, and operational practices at NWS field offices have impacted the agency's ability to effectively respond to high-impact weather events through timely forecasts, warnings, and impact-based decision support services.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 750-5190 or Frank Tersigni, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 793-2939.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

