



March 16, 2026

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dr. Neil A. Jacobs  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere  
and NOAA Administrator  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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**FROM:** Arthur L. Scott, Jr.  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of TraCSS Program Contractor Oversight  
Project No. 2026-538

We are initiating an evaluation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Traffic Coordination System for Space (TraCSS) program. Our objective is to determine whether NOAA managed contracts for the development of TraCSS to ensure that contractor deliverables and services met requirements.

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 evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

