



September 24, 2026

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur L. Scott Jr.", written in dark ink.

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

SUBJECT: Evaluation of NOAA's Flood Forecasting and Mapping
Improvements
Project No. 2026-550

We are initiating an evaluation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) flood forecasting and mapping improvements. Our objective is to determine whether NOAA's expenditures for flood forecasting and mapping improvements met statutory intent and 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.

