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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

SUBJECT: Audit of Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Aircraft
Program (#2023-459)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Marine and Aviation Operations' (OMAO's) aircraft program. Our objective is to assess NOAA's progress replacing its hurricane hunter aircraft.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-1931; Kevin Ryan, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Systems Analysis and NOAA Programs, at (202) 750-5190; or Robert Tetreault, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Marine and Aviation Programs, at (443) 842-5293.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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