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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Jeremy Pelter  
Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary  
for Administration, Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Commerce

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

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Department's compliance with Geospatial Data Act requirements (#2024-486)

In accordance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-254, H.R. 302, Subtitle F (2018), codified at 43 U.S.C. §§ 2801-2811), we are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's collection, production, acquisition, maintenance, distribution, use, and preservation of geospatial data. Our objective is to assess the Department's compliance with the 13 covered agency responsibilities in 43 U.S.C. § 2808(a).

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference for April 2024, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and information needs. If you have any questions regarding this audit, please contact me at (202) 793-2938 or Kevin Ryan, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 750-5190.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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