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

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of Polar Weather Satellites (PWS) Program Execution  
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We are initiating an audit of NOAA's PWS program. Our objective is to assess the PWS program's execution of selected development activities.

We intend to hold an entrance conference in mid-July 2022, at which time we will discuss our objective in more detail. In the meantime, we will begin coordinating with National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service and PWS program officials to request documents and other information.

If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 793-2938, or Kevin Ryan, Director for Satellites and Weather Systems, at (202) 695-0791.

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

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