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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard Spinrad
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: Audit of Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental
Resources' Administering of National Oceanic Atmospheric
Administration Grants (#2022-435)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) grants awarded to the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDNER). Our objectives are to determine whether PRDNER (1) claimed allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs; and (2) met performance requirements of the grants.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison(s) to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objectives and scope, time frames, and any potential request for data.

If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Monica Adamo, Director of Acquisition and Grants, at (202) 482-5185.

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

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