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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.  
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NOAA Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of NOAA's Office of Space Commerce SPD-3 Activities  
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We are initiating an audit of select activities of NOAA's Office of Space Commerce. Our objective is to assess the Office of Space Commerce's progress in providing space situational awareness data and space traffic management services to commercial space operators in accordance with Space Policy Directive-3.

We intend to hold an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss our objective in more detail. In the meantime, we will begin coordinating with Office of Space Commerce officials to request documents and other information.

If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 793-2938; Kevin Ryan, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Systems Analysis and NOAA Programs, at (202) 750-5190; or Edward Kell, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Satellite Programs, at (202) 753-6125.

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

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