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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.  
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NOAA Administrator  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of National Weather Service (NWS) Hurricane Forecasting  
and Warning Performance (#2024-471)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS) hurricane forecasting and warning performance. Our objective is to assess NWS progress toward improving hurricane forecasts and warnings.

We plan to begin our work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison as soon as practical to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions regarding 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 Frank Tersigni, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Weather Service Programs, at (202) 793-2939.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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