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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.

Under Secretary of Commerce for Ocean and Atmosphere and

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.

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SUBJECT: Audit of NOAA's Geostationary Extended Observations

(GeoXO) Program Implementation (#2024-492)

We are initiating an audit of NOAA's GeoXO program. Our objective is to assess NOAA's progress implementing the program.

We intend to schedule an entrance conference, 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 GeoXO program 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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