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FROM: Arthur L. Scott, Jr.
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SUBJECT: The Department's Compliance with Aspects of the Geospatial
Data Act
Project No. 2026-535

In accordance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-254, H.R. 302, Subtitle F), we are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's collection, production, acquisition, maintenance, distribution, use, and preservation of geospatial data. Our objective is to review the Department's compliance with its 13 responsibilities under the Geospatial Data Act and progress toward implementing geospatial data standards and best practices.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference for March 2026, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

