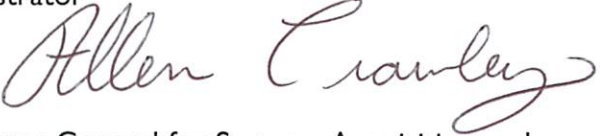




August 12, 2014

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and  
NOAA Administrator

**FROM:** Allen Crawley   
Assistant Inspector General for Systems Acquisition and  
IT Security

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Polar Satellite Follow-on Planning and Joint Polar  
Satellite System Implementation

As part of our FY 2014 work plan, and in accordance with our most recent report on the top management challenges facing the Department of Commerce, we are initiating an audit of NOAA's planning processes for a polar satellite follow-on program as well as the implementation of the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) program.

Our objectives are to (1) determine the progress of polar satellite follow-on program planning, (2) monitor ongoing JPSS acquisition and development, and (3) assess the extent of potential data gaps.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for August 26, 2014, at which time we will discuss our objectives in more detail. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (202) 482-1855 or Fred Meny, Director, Satellites and Weather Systems, at (202) 482-1931. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this audit.

cc: Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary  
Ellen Herbst, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration  
VADM Michael S. Devany, Under Secretary for Operations, NOAA  
Mark S. Paese, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data,  
and Information Services, NOAA  
Harry Cikanek, JPSS Program Director, NOAA  
Mack Cato, Director, Office of Audit and Information Management, NOAA