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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Audit of National Weather Service Radar Next Program
(#2025-505)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS) Radar Next Program. Our objective is to assess the adequacy of NWS planning for continuity of national radar coverage.

We plan to begin our work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit. In the meantime, we will begin coordinating with NWS and program officials to coordinate interviews and request documentation.

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 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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