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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

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FROM: Frederick J. Meny Jr.
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SUBJECT: Audit of the Space Weather Follow-On Lagrange-I (SWFO-LI)
Project's Progress Preparing for Launch and Operations (#2024-
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We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) SWFO-LI project. Our objective is to assess the SWFO-LI project's progress preparing its satellite for launch and operations.

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 SWFO-LI 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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