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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: Evaluation of the National Weather Service's Protection of
Operational Technology (#2024-482)

We are initiating an evaluation of the National Weather Service's Protection of Operational Technology. Our objective is to determine whether the National Weather Service has implemented effective security controls for its critical operational technology.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please call me at (202) 793-2938 or Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 793-2957.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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