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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Thomas F. Gilman  
Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Department's Compliance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (#2020-369)

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 (the Department's) collection, production, acquisition, maintenance, distribution, use, and preservation of geospatial data. Our audit will include a review of the Department's (1) compliance with the standards for geospatial data, including metadata for geospatial data established under section 757; (2) compliance with the requirements under subsection 759(a); and (3) compliance on the limitation on the use of federal funds under section 759A.

We will reach out to your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss our audit objectives and scope in further detail. If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 482-1931, or Kevin Ryan, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 695-0791.

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

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