



September 6, 2024

**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.  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Class B Ship  
Acquisition (#2024-497)

We are initiating an audit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) Class B Ship program. Our objective is to assess OMAO's management and oversight of the Class B ship acquisition.

We will 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 OMAO 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 Robert Tetreault, Director for Audit and Evaluation, Marine and Aviation Programs at (443) 842-5293.

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

cc: Jainey K. Bavishi, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and  
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