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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT, AND ACQUISITION  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Audit of the Test and Evaluation for the Marine Corps CH-53K Program  
(Project No. D2024-D000AU-0031.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in November 2023. The objective of this audit is to determine whether the Navy effectively managed the test and evaluation of the CH-53K system performance requirements in accordance with DoD policy. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at the Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Naval Air Systems Command; and Navy Operational Test and Evaluation Force. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable on the test plans related to the CH-53K King Stallion Helicopter. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [audacs@dodig.mil](mailto:audacs@dodig.mil).

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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