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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EPA Announces New Reporting Violations Page

FROM: Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

TO: EPA-All

Americans must be able to trust and rely on EPA to protect the land, air and water, and we are committed to obtaining the support and assistance of citizens and communities throughout our nation. Over the past 35 years, EPA has changed the way each individual looks at how his or her own personal actions can make an impact. Most importantly, the citizens of this nation are seeing themselves as the custodians of their environment and have become conscious of actions that put the health and welfare of their communities at risk.

We invite you to be a part of our work and tell us about environmental problems. Assuring compliance with our nation's environmental laws is one of EPA's primary commitments. In carrying out this responsibility we use many different approaches. One of them is to seek help from citizens by asking them to provide us with information about potentially harmful environmental activities in their communities and in their workplaces. This has led to state and federal enforcement cases and has ultimately served environmental protection well.

I am pleased to announce that in conjunction with the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of EPA, OECA staff has been developing a new look for our home page, where a new badge button now invites the public to report possible environmental violations or crimes. More than a million people a month who visit the Agency's home page will have the opportunity to help OECA protect public health and the environment by sharing any problems they see in their communities.

The button below takes you to our Reporting Violations page. Our website makes it possible for you to be a part of EPA's work. You can view this by visiting www.epa.gov/compliance/complaints/index.html.

