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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of OIG Preliminary Research on EPA's Design for the Environment Product Labeling Program OIG Project No. OPE-FY14-4012

**FROM:** Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General  
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**TO:** Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is starting preliminary research on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Design for the Environment (DfE) Product Labeling Program. Our objective is to determine how effectively the EPA's DfE labeling program is at highlighting safer products for consumer use. The anticipated benefit of this project is to ensure the EPA is efficiently and effectively protecting human health and the environment by reducing the use of chemicals of concern and empowering consumers to protect their health.

We plan to perform work within the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics' Design for the Environment Branch. We will conduct the project using applicable *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*.

We will contact your audit liaison, Janet Weiner, to arrange a mutually agreeable time within 2 weeks to discuss our objectives, the purpose of our project and any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the OIG Acting Director for Toxics, Chemical Management and Pollution Prevention, Jerri Dorsey, at (919)541-3601 or [dorsey.jerri@epa.gov](mailto:dorsey.jerri@epa.gov); or the Acting Project Manager, Laurie Adams, at (919) 541-1031 or [adams.laurie@epa.gov](mailto:adams.laurie@epa.gov). We will provide updates on a regular basis to the Chief of the Design for the Environment Branch and to any other agreed-upon contacts from your office.

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