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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Notification:  
Evaluation of Lautenberg Act Resource Planning and Management  
Project No. OA&E-FY19-0127

**FROM:** Jeffrey Harris, Director  
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Office of Audit and Evaluation

**TO:** Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Assistant Administrator  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research on the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics processes to implement the work to meet statutory deadlines of the Lautenberg Act. This project is based on the OIG's internal planning process.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether the EPA has met Lautenberg Act deadlines, and whether the EPA has the staff, resources and management controls in place to meet future statutory deadlines. The OIG plans to conduct work at headquarters. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefits of this project include determining whether the EPA has the financial capacity and staff necessary to meet all the new statutory deadlines mandated by the Lautenberg Act.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions 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. Throughout the project, we will provide updates on a regular basis via email and/or meetings with your designated point of contact.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

Any questions related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0831 or harris.jeffrey@epa.gov, or Jee Kim at (202) 566-1429 or kim.jee@epa.gov.

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