



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Revised Evaluation Objective:
Effectiveness of EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office in Determining
Title VI Compliance in Organizations Receiving EPA Funding
Project No. OA&E-FY19-0357

FROM: James L. Hatfield, Director, Air Directorate
Office of Audit and Evaluation

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "James L. Hatfield".

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold, General Counsel

This memorandum serves to notify you that we have modified the objective for our evaluation of the EPA's implementation of Title VI, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin when implementing programs and activities. Our revised objective is to determine whether the EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office has implemented an oversight system to provide reasonable assurance that organizations receiving EPA funds comply with Title VI requirements.

Our initial objective was to determine whether the ECRCO has implemented an oversight system to provide reasonable assurance that organizations receiving EPA Clean Air Act funds comply with Title VI requirements. We revised our objective to address Title VI compliance for all EPA environmental programs, as requested by 22 U.S. Senators in a November 22, 2019, letter to then-acting Inspector General Charles J. Sheehan (attached).

Please address any questions regarding our revised objective to Project Manager Gabby Fekete at (919) 541-3537 or fekete.gabrielle@epa.gov or to me at (919) 541-1030 or hatfield.jim@epa.gov.

Attachment

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