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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
CTS Asheville Superfund Site Update: Sampling, Monitoring, Communication and
Opportunities for Cleanup Efficiencies
Project No. OPE-FY14-0044

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin preliminary research of the EPA's sampling, monitoring, communication and opportunities for cleanup efficiencies for the CTS Asheville Superfund Site, North Carolina. We will focus our work on activities that have occurred since January 2012, when the EPA and CTS Corporation entered into an Administrative Order and Settlement Agreement on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. This was also about the time of the last completed OIG evaluation on this site.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm our mutual understandings on the objectives and scope for the OIG evaluation, as well as the responsibilities of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), EPA Region 4 and the OIG during the project.

The OIG's objectives are to determine:

1. Are the sampling and monitoring activities at the CTS site meeting established requirements and procedures? Are those results being communicated timely and appropriately to the public?
2. Does EPA Region 4 have a schedule with projected and communicated milestones for conducting activities necessary to clean up and protect human health that can be impacted by the CTS site?
3. Has EPA Region 4 considered and implemented, where possible, efficiencies to quicken the pace of site cleanup?

The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters, the Region 4 office and the CTS Asheville Superfund Site in North Carolina. This project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The potential benefits of this project are improved controls and processes for responding to the cleanup at the CTS Asheville Superfund site. In addition, the OIG's work may improve public health and environmental protection at this and other Superfund sites. We will update agreed-upon contacts from your offices on a regular basis on the status of our evaluation.

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, as well as to arrange a visit of the site with EPA staff. We will answer any questions that 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.

We will contact your audit liaison to arrange a meeting and site visit within the next few weeks. During our meeting we will verify points of contact in each office and discuss any related issues. At the kickoff meeting, we will also be interested in hearing about any of your concerns and obtaining your input on any stakeholders we should contact during preliminary research.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov; or the Project Managers, Barry Parker at (202) 566-2913 or parker.barry@epa.gov, or Kate Robinson at (215) 814-2352 or robinson.kate@epa.gov.

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