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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Follow-Up on Significant Information Technology Security Findings and  
Recommendations  
Project No. OA-FY14-0056

**FROM:** Rudolph M. Brevard, Director *Rudolph M. Brevard*  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research to follow up on significant information technology (IT) security findings and recommendations issued in its final reports between fiscal years 2010 through 2012, and reports associated with the fiscal year 2013 OIG key management challenges memorandum issued on July 1, 2013. This project is included in our annual audit plan. The OIG's objective is to determine whether the EPA has implemented corrective actions to address significant IT security findings and recommendations. The project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. To complete our work as expeditiously as possible and with minimal disruption of your staff, we ask that by January 24, 2014, you email the Project Manager a copy of the agency's last two evaluations of whether the audit follow-up system results in efficient, prompt, and proper resolution and corrective action on audit recommendations [per Office of Management and Budget Circular A-50 Revised, Section 8.a (11)].

I will supervise the project. The Team Lead will be Charles Dade and the Project Manager will be Nancy Dao. Please do not hesitate to contact Charles Dade at (202) 566-2575 or [dade.chuck@epa.gov](mailto:dade.chuck@epa.gov), or Nancy Dao at (202) 566-2477 or [dao.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:dao.nancy@epa.gov), if you or your staff have any questions.

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 interested in 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.

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