

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Compliance with the

Federal Information Security Management Act

Project No. OA-FY14-0135

**FROM:** Rudolph M. Brevard, Product Line Director

Office of Audit

**TO:** Renee P. Wynn, Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer

Office of Environmental Information

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin fieldwork for an audit of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). This project is included in our fiscal year 2014 audit plan.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm our mutual understandings on the objective and scope of the audit, and the responsibilities of the Office of Environmental Information and the OIG during the project.

The OIG's objective is to conduct an independent audit of the agency's compliance with FISMA. We plan to conduct fieldwork at the EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and at the National Computer Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The anticipated benefit of this project is to contribute to the agency's theme of "Embracing EPA as a High Performing Organization."

We will provide updates on a regular basis to the EPA's Senior Agency Information Security Officer. These updates will occur via meetings, telephone or emails.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss the audit scope and objective, and to discuss any other areas of concern you may have. We will also answer any questions that you may have about the project's progress, 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 me at (202) 566-0893 or <a href="mailto:brevard.rudy@epa.gov">brevard.rudy@epa.gov</a>; or Charles M. Dade, Project Manager, at (202) 566-2575 or <a href="mailto:dade.chuck@epa.gov">dade.chuck@epa.gov</a>.

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