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OFFICE OF
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SUBJECT: Follow-Up Review on OIG Report No. 13-P-0178, *Improvements Needed in EPA Training and Oversight for Risk Management Program Inspections*
Project No. OPE-FY15-0054

FROM: Eric Lewis, Director /s/
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TO: Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is starting a follow-up review on the EPA's actions to address recommendations in the subject report, issued March 21, 2013. Follow-up reviews are included in our fiscal year 2015 annual plan. Our review will focus mainly on the status of corrective actions for five of the nine reported recommendations (Recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6). For Recommendations 1 and 2, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has documented in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System that the corrective actions have been completed. For Recommendations 4 and 5, the Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM) has documented that these corrective actions are complete. For Recommendation 6, the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) has also documented corrective actions are complete. Our review objective will be to determine whether the EPA has strengthened its management controls to ensure that inspectors and supervisors meet minimum training requirements.

The Project Manager will be Dwayne Crawford and the team members will be Ganesa Curley (Team Leader) and Nyquana Manning (staff). We will contact your staff to arrange a mutually agreeable time for a kickoff meeting within 30 days from the date of this memorandum. During the meeting, we will answer any questions you have about the review process. At or before the meeting, we would like to have the following provided to us in an electronic format:

- Documentation that supports the completion of each corrective action taken (in response to each recommendation for which you are responsible).
- The point of contact information for the individuals we would need to meet with to discuss the status of corrective actions for each recommendation.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request your resolution 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.

We will provide routine updates on the status of our review to agreed-upon contacts from your offices. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 566-2664 or lewis.eric@epa.gov, or Dwayne E. Crawford at (202) 566-2894 or crawford.dwayne@epa.gov.

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