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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of Agency Response to OIG Report No. 14-P-0332, *Cloud Oversight Results in Unsubstantiated and Missed Opportunities for Savings, Unused and Undelivered Services, and Incomplete Policies*, dated August 15, 2014

**FROM:** Arthur A. Elkins Jr. 

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

Thank you for your October 27, 2014, response to our final report. We are encouraged by the Office of Environmental Information's (OEI's) commitment to addressing our recommendations. As you mentioned in your response, Recommendations 2 and 7 had been previously closed and Recommendations 8, 9, 10 and 11 remain in the internal agency audit dispute resolution process.

We have reviewed your response and appreciate your efforts to be responsive to our recommendations. We find your proposed corrective actions adequate to address Recommendations 3, 5 and 6. However, we need further clarification on your responses for Recommendations 1 and 4. Specifically:

- For Recommendation 1, we agree that discoverability, security, and other elements are necessary and important. However, the response does not address our recommendation and it is unclear as to how OEI is going to develop and implement an internal independent oversight process to ensure that documented cost-benefit analyses are performed in compliance with the proper Office of Management and Budget circular prior to OEI outsourcing information technology initiatives.
- For Recommendation 4, the response does not specify if the documented analyses would include the investments the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would have to make to address integration requirements, obstacles and gaps identified as a result of the current Infrastructure-as-a-Service contract.

We are closing Recommendations 3, 5 and 6 from this report in our tracking system. Recommendations 1, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 remain in an unresolved status.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-1007 or [christensen.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:christensen.kevin@epa.gov); or Rudolph M. Brevard, Director, Information Resources Management Audits, at (202) 566-0893 or [brevard.rudy@epa.gov](mailto:brevard.rudy@epa.gov).

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