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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Superfund Remedial Action Contracts

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The Office of Inspector General's, Office of Audit, plans to restart the preliminary research phase of our audit evaluating the structure of Remedial Action Contracts. This audit began in September of 2011, but was suspended in November 2011, due to higher priority work. The preliminary research objectives are:

- Has EPA implemented the recommendations from the December 2004 OIG audit *Response Action Contracts: Structure and Administration Need Improvement*, and has it resulted in an increase in the use of fixed price contracting?
- Has fixed price contracting achieved the anticipated cost savings or other benefits associated with fixed price contracting vehicles

We would like to meet with staff from the Office of Acquisition Management and the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation to provide an update on the project, and discuss the steps still needed to be completed during preliminary research. We will coordinate with your audit liaisons to arrange a mutually agreeable time for the meeting.

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