



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Preliminary Research to Evaluate Proposed Superfund Sites on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List
Project No. OPE-FY13-0018

FROM: Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General
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TO: Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General plans to begin preliminary research to evaluate proposed Superfund sites on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List. This evaluation is included in our fiscal year 2013 annual plan. The OIG's preliminary research objective is to determine why some Superfund sites that have been proposed for NPL listing have remained in the proposed status for many years without being finalized on the NPL or removed from the proposed NPL list.

The potential benefits of this project to the EPA include opportunities to reallocate resources to provide the means to ensure human health and the environment are protected at the highest priority Superfund sites.

We plan to perform work within the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and the EPA regions as necessary. The project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will contact you to arrange a kickoff meeting at a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of the project. We will answer any questions that 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. At the kickoff meeting, we will also be interested in hearing about any of your concerns.

The OIG product line director, Tina Lovingood, and project manager, Chad Kincheloe, will supervise the project. We will provide updates on a monthly basis with agreed-upon contacts from your office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 566-0829 or copper.carolyn@epa.gov or Tina Lovingood at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov, if you or your staff members have any questions.

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