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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification Memorandum for OIG Evaluation of EPA's Healthy School Environments Initiative (OPE-FY12-0004)

FROM: Jeffrey Harris /s/
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TO: Bob Perciasepe,
Deputy Administrator

Peter Grevatt, Director,
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The EPA Office of Inspector General is moving from preliminary research to field work on the subject evaluation. Our objective remains unchanged from that outlined in our December 19, 2011, memorandum:

How effectively is EPA ensuring that the environment in existing schools is healthy for children?

During preliminary research we interviewed staff from the OCHP, a variety of EPA's school environment programs, and three regions (1, 2, and 8). In fieldwork we intend to survey all ten regions on their school-oriented efforts and consult with additional external stakeholders. We will continue to examine applicable legislation and EPA's strategies, systems, enforcement efforts, and resources related to its school programs.

We would like to hold an entrance conference with appropriate staff sometime within the next 30 days. We will coordinate with your audit liaison to arrange a mutually agreeable time for this meeting. We will answer any questions you have about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we can expect from each other during the course of the evaluation.

We intend to have a discussion document available for comment by the end of July and plan to issue a draft report for your formal comment in September. During fieldwork and report drafting we will update OCHP monthly on the progress of our evaluation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-566-0831, or Kathryn Hess, Project Manager, at 617-918-1487.

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