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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cynthia Giles
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FROM: Carolyn Copper /s/
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SUBJECT: New Assignment Notification

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin an evaluation of EPA's enforcement results in response to a request from Senator Charles Grassley. We plan to address the following questions:

- What are the trends in enforcement results stemming from EPA enforcement actions, (injunctive relief, supplementary environmental projects and penalties) over time (2006-2011) and across regions?
- How do enforcement results stemming from EPA enforcement actions in Region 7 compare to those in the rest of the EPA regions?
- What are the key factors explaining differences in enforcement results stemming from EPA enforcement actions among EPA regions?

Our review will not include state enforcement actions. We plan to review EPA enforcement data and speak with OECA management and staff at EPA headquarters, and enforcement management and staff in Region 7. We will contact your audit liaison within 2 weeks to arrange a mutually agreeable time for a kickoff meeting to discuss the assignment objective and our planned work. We will also answer any questions you or your staff may have about the evaluation process and reporting procedures. If you or your staff have any questions in the meantime, please contact Dan Engelberg at (202) 566-0830 or engelberg.dan@epa.gov or Kathlene Butler at (404)562-9736, or butler.kathlene@epa.gov.

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