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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Notification:  
Evaluation of the Antimicrobial Testing Program  
Project No. OPE-FY16-0001

**FROM:** Jeffrey K. Harris, Director, Toxics, Chemical Management and  
Pollution Prevention Evaluations  
Office of Program Evaluation

**TO:** Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research on the Antimicrobial Testing Program of the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Antimicrobial Division.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether the Antimicrobial Testing Program ensures the efficacy of EPA-registered hospital sterilants, disinfectants and tuberculocides. The OIG plans to conduct work at headquarters. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting the project. The anticipated benefit of our project is to ensure that EPA has taken sufficient steps to protect human health.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions 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. Throughout the project, we will provide updates on a monthly basis via scheduled teleconference calls to the officials your office designates.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request your resolution if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG, or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the Semiannual Report to Congress.

Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0831 or [harris.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:harris.jeffrey@epa.gov); or the Project Manager, Jerri Dorsey at (919) 541-3601 or [dorsey.jerri@epa.gov](mailto:dorsey.jerri@epa.gov).

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