



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 27, 2013

Michelle Cure  
Chairperson  
Wells Band Council  
P.O. Box 809  
Wells, Nevada 89835

Dear Ms. Cure:

The Office of the Inspector of General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating a review of grants awarded to Wells Band Council (Council) by EPA. Our objective is to address concerns raised by EPA Region 9 regarding Council's management of EPA grant funds and completion of required work.

We will contact your audit liaison within 30 days to arrange a mutually agreeable time to hold an entrance conference on site. During the entrance conference, we will discuss our objectives, planned work, and audit process. We may also request that certain information be readily available for our review while we are on site. Details of such requests, if any, will be communicated to you at the same time we arrange the entrance conference.

During this review, we will provide updates on a regular basis by email and/or by holding meetings. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Leah Nikaidoh, project manager, at (513) 487-2365 or [nikaidoh.leah@epa.gov](mailto:nikaidoh.leah@epa.gov); or Robert Adachi, product line director, at (415) 947-4537 or [adachi.robert@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:adachi.robert@epamail.epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Adachi".

for Richard Eyermann  
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit

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