



At a Glance

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Why We Did This Review

We performed this follow-up review to determine whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 implemented corrective actions it agreed to take in response to the Fiscal Years (FYs) 2003 and 2004 single audit reports and 2006 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) review. We also determined whether the actions addressed, or will address, the issues in the reports.

Background

On July 26, 2006, the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued two single audit reports to EPA Region 10 regarding the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water Program. The reports supported the single audit findings and recommended various corrective actions. The most recent PART review noted various deficiencies.

For further information, contact our Office of Congressional, Public Affairs and Management at (202) 566-2391.

To view the full report, click on the following link:
www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2009/20090121-09-P-0085.pdf

EPA Region 10 Took Adequate Corrective Actions for Alaska Village Safe Water Program

What We Found

We found that Region 10 had adequately followed up on each of the findings and recommendations from the single audit reports. The Region has implemented corrective actions for the most recent OMB PART review findings. The corrective actions taken by the Region should address the issues identified in the single audit reports and PART review.

One corrective action is not complete. To address concerns with the State of Alaska's monitoring subrecipients, the State performed an independent review of reconciling project costs by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (the Consortium). As part of its corrective action plan, the Region agreed to follow up on the findings from the independent review. The Region had planned on doing the follow-up as part of the next annual review in November 2008. However, the follow-up review was delayed and is now expected to be completed by October 1, 2009. Region 10 concurred with the OIG findings and will continue to follow up on implementing the State's review findings.

What We Recommend

We recommended that the EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator track the corrective action for follow-up on the independent review of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium by re-entering it in the Management Audit Tracking System. The Region subsequently reopened the Management Audit Tracking System to track the corrective action. EPA's response to our recommendation is adequate and should address our report finding.