



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Assessing Compliance of Pesticide Registrations With Human Health and
Environmental Risk Assessment Requirements
Project No. OPE-FY16-0027

FROM: Eric Lewis, Director
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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 EPA's conditional and unconditional pesticide registrations. Our objective is to determine EPA compliance with human health and environmental risk assessment requirements for conditional and unconditional pesticide registrations.

The OIG plans to contact staff in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefits of this project are improved business practices and accountability.

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 regular basis, as agreed upon at the kickoff meeting.

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.

The project will be supervised by me and the Project Manager will be Hilda Canes Garduño. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-2664 or lewis.eric@epa.gov, or to Hilda Canes Garduño at (202) 566-2893 or canes-garduno.hilda@epa.gov.

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