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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Corrective Actions Plan for Office of Inspector General
Report No. 17-P-0395, *EPA Needs to Manage Pesticide Funds More Efficiently*,
issued September 18, 2017

FROM: Arthur A. Elkins Jr. 

TO: Charlotte Bertrand, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Thank you for your memorandum dated November 13, 2017, which includes planned corrective actions for the remaining unresolved recommendations in the subject report. Recommendations 1 and 2 were unresolved when we issued the final report, and a response was therefore required; the third recommendation was resolved at the time we issued the final report.

During a meeting on October 18, 2017, you explained that efforts have already begun to spend down the current balances for both the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and the Pesticides Registration Improvement Act Funds to within the established target range. In your memorandum, you agreed to develop a spend-down projection and establish a target range for the balance of the funds. Your spend-down projection shows the Pesticides Registration Improvement Act Fund balance being reduced to an acceptable target range.

We accept the agency's planned corrective actions for Recommendations 1 and 2, which are to establish a target range for its Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund and its Pesticide Registration Fund year-end balances, and to develop and implement a plan to reduce excess balances for the two funds within the established target range. We will close the recommendations in the Office of Inspector General tracking system as of the date of this memorandum. You should track implementation of EPA corrective actions in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 566-1007 or christensen.kevin@epa.gov; or Paul Curtis, Director, Financial Audits, at (202) 566-2523 or curtis.paul@epa.gov.

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