

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

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Corrective Actions Plan for Office of Inspector General Report No. 18-P-0071, EPA Has Not Reported to Congress on BEACH Act Progress as Statutorily Required or Fully Documented Budget Decisions, Issued January 18, 2018

Arthur A. Elkins Jr. FROM:

TO: David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator Office of Water

Thank you for your May 10, 2018, memorandum that provided a supplemental written response to the subject Office of Inspector General (OIG) report.

The OIG issued this report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with two unresolved recommendations: Recommendation 1 to the Office of Water, and Recommendation 4 to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. We consider the Office of Water's supplemental response adequate to resolve Recommendation 1. We accept the EPA's planned corrective actions.

We will close Recommendation 1 in the OIG tracking system as of the date of this memorandum. You should track implementation of Office of Water corrective actions in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

With this memorandum, Recommendation 1 is resolved. A separate memorandum to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer resolved Recommendation 4. As a result, all recommendations in this report are resolved.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 566-1007 or <u>christensen.kevin@epa.gov</u>; or Kathlene Butler, Director, Water Directorate, at (404) 562-9736 or <u>butler.kathlene@epa.gov</u>.

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