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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Response to Congressional Requests on Glider Vehicle Testing
Project No. OA&E-FY18-0271

FROM: Patrick Gilbride, Director /s/
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Office of Audit & Evaluation

TO: William L. Wehrum, Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin an audit in response to two congressional requests that raised concerns about glider vehicle testing conducted by the EPA in 2017. As part of this audit, the OIG will examine the selection, acquisition and testing of glider vehicles at the EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, as well as the EPA's planning for this testing. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project; however, these standards may be modified to expedite the completion of this audit.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives. 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 this meeting.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation 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 Jim Kohler. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (303) 312-6969 or gilbride.patrick@epa.gov, or Jim Kohler at (202) 566-1032 or kohler.james@epa.gov.

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