



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Audit:
Audit of EPA's Compliance with Federal Requirements to Making Information Accessible Through Its Public Websites and Digital Services
Project No. OA-FY21-0015

FROM: Rudolph M. Brevard, Director *Vincent Campbell for*
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TO: Donna Vizian, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin an audit on EPA's efforts to make environmental information accessible to the public. This audit is self-initiated and addresses the following top management challenge for the Agency, as identified in our [EPA's FYs 2020–2021 Top Management Challenges](#) report, issued July 21, 2020: *Communicating Risks to Allow the Public to Make Informed Decisions About Its Health and the Environment*.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether the EPA's public websites and digital services comply with selected relevant federal laws and policies, as outlined in OMB Memorandum M-17-06, *Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services*. The OIG plans to conduct work with the Office of Information Management and select EPA program and regional offices, as needed. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit. The anticipated benefits of this audit include the improvement of the EPA's communication on human health and environmental risk to the public using the EPA's public facing websites and digital services.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide you with regular updates.

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 immediately resolve the situation if an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials 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*.

I will supervise the audit, and the team lead will be Vincent Campbell. Any information related to the project should be addressed to Vincent Campbell at (202) 566-2540 or Campbell.Vincent@epa.gov or to me at (202) 566-0893 or Brevard.Rudy@epa.gov.

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