

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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General

Report No. <u>20-P-0200</u>, EPA Needs to Address Internal Control Deficiencies in the

Agencywide Quality System, issued June 22, 2020

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell Sam W. O'Donnell

TO: Donna Vizian, Acting Assistant Administrator

Office of Mission Support

Thank you for your September 21, 2020 memorandum, which outlined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for the unresolved recommendations issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The report contained 15 recommendations, and all but Recommendations 14 and 15 were resolved when the report was issued.

Based on the information provided, the Office of Mission Support's planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendations 14 and 15. Regarding Recommendation 14, while your office decided not to roll out an agencywide tracking system, we agree that finalizing directives and clarifying annual reporting requirements will provide your office with needed metrics about the Agency's Quality System. Regarding Recommendation 15, we agree that the Chief Information Officer's October 1, 2019 policy and your office's annual information technology portfolio reviews will work to eliminate potentially redundant or duplicative quality tracking systems.

All recommendations for the subject report are now considered resolved. You should track implementation of the corrective actions in the Agency's audit tracking system until all actions are completed.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epa.gov/oig.

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