



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Evaluation:
Performance Measures for Eliminated EPA Programs Later Funded by
Congressional Appropriation
Project No. OE-FY21-0135

FROM: Erin Barnes-Weaver, Acting Director *Erin Barnes-Weaver*
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TO: David A. Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin fieldwork on the subject evaluation to determine whether performance measures exist for eliminated EPA programs that were later funded by Congress. This evaluation also 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: complying with key internal control requirements (policies and procedures).

Our objective is to determine the processes the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has in place to ensure that EPA programs eliminated in the President's Budget but later funded by congressional appropriation have required performance measures. We plan to conduct work within the OCFO and with other EPA offices, if necessary. We will conduct our evaluation using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. The anticipated benefits of this evaluation include improved operational efficiency and effectiveness.

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 evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

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*.

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

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