



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Evaluation:
Process for Updating Federal Radiation Policies and Guidance
Project No. OSRE-FY21-0208

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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin an evaluation to examine the EPA's process for updating federal radiation policies and guidance. 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 (data quality; policies and procedures).

The OIG's objective is to determine the extent to which the EPA has effectively implemented a process for reviewing and updating its federal radiation policies and guidance, specifically those that rely on the linear no-threshold model. The evaluation will be conducted 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 operations for reviewing and updating policy and guidance to help protect human health against radiation.

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