



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 27, 2021

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Pandemic Highlights Need for Additional Tribal Drinking Water Assistance and Oversight in EPA Regions 9 and 10
Report No. 21-E-0254

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell

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TO: Deborah Jordan, Acting Administrator
Region 9

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Region 10

This is our report on the subject evaluation conducted by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The project number for this evaluation was [OA&E-FY20-0044](#). This report contains findings that describe the problems the OIG has identified and corrective actions the OIG recommends. Final determinations on matters in this report will be made by EPA managers in accordance with established recommendation resolution procedures.

EPA Regions 9 and 10 are responsible for the issues discussed in this report.

In accordance with EPA Manual 2750, Regions 9 and 10 provided acceptable planned corrective actions and estimated milestone dates for Recommendations 4 and 8. These recommendations are resolved. A final response pertaining to these recommendations is not required; however, if you submit a response, it will be posted on the OIG's website, along with our memorandum commenting on your response.

Action Required

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 are unresolved. The resolution process, as described in the EPA's Audit Management Procedures, begins immediately with the issuance of this report. Furthermore, we request a written response to the final report within 60 days of this memorandum. Your response will be posted on the OIG's website, along with our memorandum commenting on your response. Your response should be provided as an Adobe PDF file that complies with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The final response should not contain data that you do not want to be released to the public; if your response contains such data, you should identify the data for redaction or removal along with corresponding justification.

We will post this report to our website at www.epa.gov/oig.