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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Evaluation:  
Statutory Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Inspections Follow Up  
Project No. OSRE-FY22-0023

**FROM:** Renee McGhee-Lenart, Acting Director *Renee D. McGhee-Lenart*  
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**TO:** Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator  
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin an evaluation. This evaluation is a follow up to the OIG report titled *EPA Has Not Met Statutory Requirements for Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility Inspections, but Inspection Rates Are High* (Report No. [16-P-0104](#), March 11, 2016). This evaluation is part of OIG's oversight plan for fiscal year 2022 and addresses the following fiscal year 2022 top management challenge for the Agency: enforcing environmental laws and regulations.

Our objective is to determine the extent to which the EPA has met its statutory requirement to complete required inspections of treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. We plan to conduct work at the EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. 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 enhanced protection of human health and the environment by assuring statutory inspections are performed as required.

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. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General* (1994), requires that each EPA employee

cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. Also, Administrator Michael S. Regan, in an April 28, 2021 email message to EPA employees, conveyed his “expectation that EPA personnel provide OIG timely access to records or other information” and observed that “full cooperation with the OIG is in the best interest of the public we serve.” 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](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

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