




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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 22, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General  
Report No. 21-P-0131, *Staffing Constraints, Safety and Health Concerns at EPA's  
National Enforcement Investigations Center May Compromise Ability to Achieve  
Mission*, issued May 12, 2021

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**TO:** Lawrence E. Starfield, Acting Assistant Administrator  
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Thank you for your March 11, 2022 memorandum, which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion date for three unresolved recommendations—Recommendations 5, 9, and 10—issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The other recommendations were previously resolved. Based on your memorandum, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendations 5, 9, and 10. All recommendations for the subject report are now considered resolved. You should track implementation of EPA 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](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

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