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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

- SUBJECT: Notification of Project: Reported Deficiencies in EPA Grants Administration and Oversight Project No. OA-FY22-0080
- FROM: Khadija Walker, Director Business Operations Directorate Office of Audit
- **TO:** Kimberly Patrick, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Mission Support

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin reviewing OIG and GAO reported deficiencies related to EPA grants administration and oversight. This project addresses the following fiscal year 2022 top management challenge for the Agency: managing infrastructure funding and business operations.

Our objective is to highlight findings from prior OIG and U.S. Government Accountability Office audit reports that are relevant to the EPA's administration and oversight of grant awards under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This project does not constitute an audit or evaluation but is intended to comprise a review of documentation from prior OIG and GAO audits and a summary of our findings. Therefore, this work will not be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards or with the *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. We will, however, follow the OIG's quality control procedures to ensure that the information in the report for this project is accurate and supported. The anticipated benefits of this review are improved operational efficiencies related to grants management.

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

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