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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Project:
Lessons Learned from EPA's Management of Prior Congressional Earmarks
Project No. OA-FY22-0147

FROM: Mike Davis, Director
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TO: Kimberly Patrick, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin reviewing prior audit reports to identify lessons learned related to the EPA's management of congressional earmarks. 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 prior audit findings about the EPA's administration and oversight of congressional earmarks, also known as congressionally directed spending, to inform the Agency's management of earmarks in the fiscal year 2022 budget. The EPA's FY 2022 budget includes over \$859 million in earmarked funds, following a ten-year period in which the EPA did not receive congressional earmarks. This project does not constitute an audit or evaluation but is intended to comprise a review of documentation from prior OIG reports 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. However, we will follow the OIG's quality-control procedures for ensuring that the information in the report is accurate and supported. Additionally, the *Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General* requires that our work adhere to the highest ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, independence, and professional judgment, and we will adhere to these principles in performing our work. The anticipated benefit of this review is enhanced oversight over hundreds of millions of dollars in earmarked funds.

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

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