



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Audit of the EPA's Fiscal Year 2025 Compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019
Project No. OA-FY26-0024

FROM: Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General *Katherine Trimble*
Office of Audit

TO: Paige Hanson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA's fiscal year 2025 compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. This audit is performed annually as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123, Appendix C and the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. The project number is OA-FY26-0024.

Our objective is to determine whether the EPA is in compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 for its fiscal year 2025 reporting. We plan to conduct work at headquarters as necessary.

We will contact your office to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we can discuss any concerns that you may have and answer any questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes the OIG to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete our objectives. Additionally, Administrator Lee Zeldin, in a February 7, 2025, email to EPA employees, said that "the OIG requires information and assistance from EPA managers and staff on a regular basis" and outlined his expectation that EPA employees "report waste, fraud, and abuse to the OIG." He explained that this "responsibility to report appropriate activity to the OIG is one of the most important and successful means the OIG has for identifying and stopping wrongdoing" and that review and oversight enable the Agency to be more effective in achieving its mission. If an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG, we will request that you immediately resolve the situation. Consistent with the Inspector General Act, we may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and to Congress.

To report potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement, contact the OIG Hotline at (888) 546-8740 or OIG.Hotline@epa.gov.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epa.gov/oig. Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement related to this audit should contact the OIG Hotline at (888) 546-8740 or via an electronic form on the OIG Hotline [webpage](#).

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