



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

February 19, 2026

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Audit of the EPA's Compliance with the
Federal Information Security Modernization Act for Fiscal Year 2026
Project No. OA-FY26-0039

FROM: Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General
Office of Audit

TO: Paige Hanson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
Office of Finance and Administration

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA's compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, or FISMA. This audit is statutorily required. The project number is OA-FY26-0039.

Our objective is to determine whether the EPA's information security program and practices were effective and complied with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, or FISMA, and to assess EPA's compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Fiscal Year 2026 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Metrics. We plan to conduct work within the Office of Finance and Administration at EPA headquarters. We will use applicable generally accepted government auditing standards to conduct our audit. The anticipated benefit of this audit is the fulfillment of a congressional mandate to assess the Agency's information security program against FY 2026 FISMA requirements.

We will contact your office to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives. 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 an email to EPA employees dated February 7, 2025, 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

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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.

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” [web page](#).

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