



ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR WATER

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to the Office of Inspector General Corrective Action Memorandum for Final Report: *Audit of the EPA's Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Grants to Tribes*, Report No. 25-P-0036

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TO: Nicole N. Murley, Acting Inspector General
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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Office of Inspector General's corrective action memorandum dated September 24, 2025, which corresponds to the OIG final report: *Audit of the EPA's Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Grants to Tribes* that directed six recommendations to the Office of Water. In the OIG's September 24, 2025, corrective action memorandum, the OIG agrees that the OW's planned corrective action for Recommendation 6 meets the intent of the recommendation. In the final report dated June 16, 2025, the OIG accepted the OW's proposed corrective actions and completion dates, resolving the OIG's Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and partially agreeing to Recommendation 5, stating "the corrective action, as provided, will address the intent of the recommendation for the DWIG-TSA program, however, this corrective action does not address the CWISA projects considered for funding." In the OW's August 13, 2025, memorandum responding to final report, the OW provided a proposed corrective action to address the unresolved clean water portion of Recommendation 5. In the OIG's September 24, 2025, corrective action memo, Recommendation 5 remains unresolved as the OIG interpreted that the OW's proposed corrective action to Recommendation 5 pertained to the clean water program but not to the drinking water program.

The following is a clarification of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's response to unresolved Recommendation 5 for both the drinking water and clean water programs, including the proposed corrective actions for the drinking water program found in the OW's February 24, 2025, response to draft report (published in OIG final report dated June 16, 2025) and for the clean water program found in the OW's August 13, 2025, response to OIG final report.

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