



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to EPA Resolution Memo for Office of Inspector General Report No. 24-E-0050, *The EPA Needs to Improve Internal Controls for Selecting Recipients of Clean School Bus Program Funds*, published July 31, 2024

FROM: Nicole N. Murley, Deputy Inspector General performing the duties of the Inspector General *Nicole N. Murley*

TO: Aaron Szabo, Assistant Administrator
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Thank you for the January 30, 2026 memorandum which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for the three unresolved recommendations issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The other recommendation was previously resolved. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendations 2, 3, and 4. Specifically, for Recommendation 2, you plan to have awardees in any future Clean School Bus funding opportunities provide proof that their existing bus(es) are operational and in-use (e.g., maintenance log or mileage logs) before receiving funds. For Recommendation 3, you plan to revise your standard operating procedure and put in place a spectrum of actions the EPA will take if it finds, through post-award site visits, that Clean School Bus-funded buses were not providing bus service for five years. For Recommendation 4, you plan to require applicants in any future Clean School Bus funding opportunities to attest that they have conducted a robust analysis of the route(s) that their new bus(es) would serve and considered the analysis results when selecting the type(s) of buses requested in the application, and that EPA will include its review of route analysis documentation along with applicant attestations.

All recommendations for the subject report are now considered resolved. Your office should track implementation of the corrective actions in the Agency's audit tracking system until all actions are completed.

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

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