

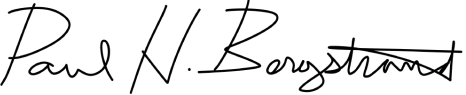


OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

March 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Summary Report: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Clean Water State Revolving Fund Capacity Reviews
Project No. OSRE-FY26-0049

FROM: Paul H. Bergstrand, Assistant Inspector General
Office of Special Review and Evaluation 

TO: *See below*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin a self-initiated evaluation. Our objective is to summarize the EPA OIG's prior Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Clean Water State Revolving Fund capacity reviews to help inform the EPA's efforts to build the capacity of recipients to manage and use funds.¹ We will conduct this evaluation using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We will contact relevant offices to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we can discuss any concerns and answer any questions about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, 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. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General* (1994), requires that each EPA employee cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. 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.

¹ This series of three capacity reviews focused on the ability of New Mexico, South Carolina, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to manage and use Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds: [Report No. 24-E-0042](#); [Report No. 25-E-0035](#); and [Report No. 26-E-0010](#).

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 evaluation should contact the OIG Hotline via email at OIG.Hotline@epa.gov, telephone at 888-546-8740, or our [online form](#).

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