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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Audit of the EPA's Compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act
for Fiscal Year 2025
Project No. OA-FY25-0041

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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-FY25-0041.

Our objective is to assess the EPA's compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's FY 2025 Inspector General Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) Reporting Metrics. We plan to conduct work within the Office of Mission Support at EPA headquarters. We will use applicable generally accepted government auditing standards to conduct our audit. The anticipated benefit of this audit is the fulfilment of a congressional mandate to assess the Agency's information security program against FY 2025 FISMA requirements.

We will contact you 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.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epaoig.gov. 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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