



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Audit of the EPA's Contract Universe
Project No. OA-FY26-0064

FROM: for Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General *May 11, 2026*
Office of Audit

TO: C. 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 that will review and provide information on the EPA's contract universe. This audit was initiated internally to help obtain an overview of the contract landscape at the Agency.

Our objective is to describe the EPA's contract universe from October 2021 through March 2026 within the EPA's Office of Finance and Administration. We plan to conduct work at the headquarters office.

We will contact your office to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we can discuss any concerns 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.

To expedite our audit, please provide the following information prior to or at the entrance conference:

1. Total dollars the EPA obligated and spent on contracts for fiscal years 2022 through 2025.
2. Total dollars the EPA plans to obligate on contracts in fiscal year 2026.
3. Any investigations or legal proceedings significant to the objective of the audit that the EPA has initiated or are in process, with respect to the period under audit.
4. Any previous engagements or other studies that directly relate to the audit objective, including whether related recommendations have been implemented.

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 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 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 OIG.Hotline@epa.gov or 888-546-8740 or via our [online form](#).

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