



At a Glance

Compendium of Open Recommendations: Data as of May 31, 2026

Why We Published This Compendium

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, requires each inspector general to prepare semiannual reports for Congress. As part of that reporting, the inspector general must identify all recommendations from the prior reporting period for which corrective actions have not been completed by the agency.

In our most recent semiannual report for Congress, which covers the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General's work from October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, we listed all resolved recommendations that we issued to the agency as of September 30, 2025. We are publishing this compendium to provide an update on the recommendations that remained open as of May 31, 2026. Open recommendations include all recommendations, both resolved and unresolved, for which corrective action has not been completed. We also highlight those recommendations that we consider to be high priority.

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Updates to Resolved Recommendations from the Semiannual Report

This compendium provides an update on the 83 resolved recommendations that we identified in appendix 3 of EPA Publication No. EPA-350-R-26-001, [Semiannual Report to Congress: October 1, 2025–March 31, 2026](#). Resolved recommendations are those that the responsible EPA office and the OIG agree on but for which the agreed-upon corrective actions have not yet been completed, regardless of whether the expected due dates are in the past or the future. Our update recognizes changes in the status of recommendations that occurred after March 31, 2026, but not later than May 31, 2026. In that time frame, the EPA completed corrective actions for six of the 83 resolved recommendations listed in the semiannual report; therefore, this update analyzes 77 resolved recommendations, which represent over \$265.2 million in potential cost savings.

Completing corrective actions for open recommendations would help combat potential fraud, waste, and abuse in the EPA's programs and operations.

Of those 77 resolved recommendations, 38 will be at least three years old on their scheduled corrective action completion date. These 38 recommendations represent over \$33.3 million in potential cost savings. The agency is responsible for timely completion of agreed-to corrective actions, and the OIG encourages responsible offices to do so within one year.

Unresolved Recommendations

In addition to the 77 resolved recommendations, we issued another seven recommendations to the EPA through May 31, 2026, that remain unresolved. Unresolved recommendations are those that the responsible EPA office disagrees with; has not provided a formal, complete, written response to; or has proposed corrective actions that it and the OIG have not agreed upon.

High-Priority Recommendations

We also highlight 15 high-priority recommendations that we have issued to the EPA through May 31, 2026, with potential monetary benefits of over \$328.2 million. These include four recommendations not listed in appendix 3 of the semiannual report because they were issued after September 30, 2025. High-priority recommendations include those that, if implemented, could significantly impact EPA program efficiency and effectiveness, improve the agency's ability to manage operations and programs, or result in significant potential monetary benefits.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Recommendations

Finally, 20 open recommendations relate to the EPA's oversight of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or IIJA, appropriations. These 20 IIJA-focused recommendations have a combined potential monetary benefit of over \$300.4 million. IIJA recommendations, if implemented, could help the agency achieve meaningful, lasting improvements while safeguarding taxpayer dollars.