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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Office of Inspector General Report No. 15-P-0109,  
*EPA Needs to Justify How It Is Using Title 42 Hiring Authority*,  
Issued March 5, 2015

**FROM:** Arthur A. Elkins Jr. 

**TO:** Lek G. Kadeli, Acting Assistant Administrator  
Office of Research and Development

We have been in resolution on the subject report. After discussions, you provided an updated response on May 15, 2015, documenting resolution. In your response you agreed with the audit recommendation and provided corrective action plans with milestone dates for completion of the corrective actions. We agree with the planned corrective actions and resolution. As such, we are closing the report in our audit tracking system. Please track implementation of the corrective actions in the agency Management Audit Tracking System until completed.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-1007 or [christensen.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:christensen.kevin@epa.gov); or Janet Kasper, Director, Contracts and Assistance Agreement Audits, at (312) 886-3059 or [kasper.janet@epa.gov](mailto:kasper.janet@epa.gov).

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