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Mr. Kevin Christensen
Assistant Inspector General for Audits
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., (2410T)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Thank you for providing the CSB a copy of the Office of Inspector General audit report entitled *CSB Needs to Improve Its Acquisition Approvals and Other Processes to Ensure Best Value for Taxpayers*. The CSB will continually work to ensure the best value of its acquisition program.

As we reviewed the final report, we realized that we erroneously stated the following:

“The most recent change occurred during a public meeting on May 6th, in which the CSB Board rescinded much of Board Order 2015-01 with the exception of Board Orders 24, 27, and 28 in an effort to normalize agency operations. We are currently revisiting Board Orders 24, 27 and 28, and are committed to updating and re-issuing these orders as you will note in the attached plan of action and milestones.”

Our response should have not included Board Order 28 as that Board Order is not being updated and is in fact back on the CSB’s website.

As an update regarding the documentation of acquisition market research, quality assurance plans, and the registration of contracts in an online contractor performance database (CPARS), the CSB has completed Recommendations #3 – 4 and has made progress on Recommendation #5. We will provide details directly to the OIG at a time to be established between the OIG and CSB.

If you or your staff have any questions about this response, please feel free to contact Anna Brown, Audit Liaison, at 202-261-7639.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Engler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rick Engler
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