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**SUBJECT:** EPA Region 10 Management Controls Over Allowing Substantial Public Funds to Construct the Spokane County Wastewater Treatment Facility

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**TO:** Dennis McLerran,  
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This memorandum is notification that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is initiating a review from an OIG hotline complaint regarding whether federal funds were properly used to construct the new Spokane County wastewater treatment facility in accordance with 40 CFR 35, Subpart K. In this review, the OIG's objective is to determine if EPA Region 10's management controls assured the Spokane County Regional Water Reclamation Facility was funded in accordance with federal requirements.

We plan to visit Region 10 during the week of February 6, 2012 to review records and conduct interviews regarding the allegations in the Hotline complaint. We will contact your staff in the next several days to arrange a time for a kickoff meeting and subsequent interviews. At this meeting we will answer questions about the review process, reporting procedures, and methods that we will employ in the review.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (202) 566-0830 or Tim Roach, Project Manager, at (312) 886-3026.

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