

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 9, 2013

## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Compliance

With the Federal Information Security Management Act

Project No. OA-FY13-0280

FROM: Richard Evermann, Acting Assistant Inspector General

Office of Audit

**TO:** Malcolm D. Jackson, Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer

Office of Environmental Information

The Office of Inspector General plans to begin fieldwork for an audit of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act. This project is included in our fiscal year 2013 audit plan.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm our mutual understanding about the objectives and scope of the audit, and the responsibilities of the Office of Environmental Information and the OIG during the project.

The OIG's objective is to conduct an independent audit of the agency's compliance with FISMA. We plan to conduct fieldwork at the EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and at the National Computer Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. We may also visit other EPA offices. The project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The anticipated benefit of this project is to strengthen the EPA's workforce and capabilities.

We will provide updates on a regular basis to the EPA's senior information security officer. These updates will occur on a monthly basis via meetings, telephone or emails.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss the audit scope and objective, and to discuss any other areas of concern to you. We will also answer any questions that you may have about the project's progress, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project.

The project will be supervised by Rudolph M. Brevard, director of Information Resources Management Audits. The project manager is Cheryl Reid. If you or your staff should have any questions, please contact Mr. Brevard at (202) 566-0894 or brevard.rudy@epa.gov.

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