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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Preliminary Research to Evaluate EPA's Response to Contamination From Historical Lead Smelters (Project No. OPE-FY13-0023)

**FROM:** Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General  
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**TO:** Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator  
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General plans to begin preliminary research to evaluate the EPA's response to contamination from historical lead smelters. This project is included in our fiscal year 2013 annual plan. The product line director and project manager for this project will be Tina Lovingood and Jill Trynosky, respectively.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm our mutual understandings on the objectives and scope for the evaluation of EPA's response to contamination from historical lead smelters, as well as the responsibilities of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA regions and the OIG during the project.

The OIG's objectives are to determine:

- (1) What has the EPA done to address the sites in its August 2012 Lead Smelter Strategy?
- (2) What actions has the EPA taken to inform communities of the potential lead contamination in order to reduce the potential of exposure to lead?

The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters and regional offices. This project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The potential benefits of this project are improved controls and processes for responding to historical lead smelters. In addition, the OIG's work may improve public health and environmental protection at historical lead smelter sites.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions that you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project.

We will contact your audit liaisons to arrange a meeting within the next few weeks. During our meeting we will verify points of contact in each office and discuss any related issues. If you have any questions,

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