

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Assignment on Proposed Superfund Sites on the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List

Project No. OPE-FY13-0018

FROM: Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General /s/

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TO: Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator

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The Office of Inspector General conducted preliminary research to evaluate proposed Superfund sites on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List. The objective was to determine why some Superfund sites that have been proposed for NPL listing have remained in the proposed status for many years without being finalized on the NPL or removed from the proposed list. While performing preliminary research, we learned that there is no requirement to finalize proposed sites on the NPL. Also, for the sample of sites we reviewed, alternative cleanup approaches were being pursued. As a result, we have decided to close this assignment.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Tina Lovingood at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov, or Chad Kincheloe at (312) 886-6530 or kincheloe.chad@epa.gov.

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