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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: New Assignment Notification Memorandum for OIG Evaluation of EPA's Response to Erroneous Laboratory Data (OPE-FY12-0023)

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The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin preliminary research on an evaluation of EPA's response to erroneous laboratory data. The OIG objective for this evaluation is to determine EPA's process and controls to assure that the results of laboratory fraud cases are fully communicated to appropriate EPA end-users and that all relevant decisions that may be affected by outcomes of laboratory fraud cases are reviewed and amended as needed.

We will contact your audit liaison within 2 weeks to arrange a mutually agreeable time for a kickoff meeting to discuss the assignment objective and our planned work. We will also answer any questions you or your staff may have about the evaluation process and reporting procedures. If you or your staff have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jerri Dorsey at (919) 541-3601 or dorsey.jerri@epa.gov or Jee Kim at (202) 566-2912 or kee.jim@epa.gov.

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