



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

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OIG Report Close Out, Report No. 11-P-0002

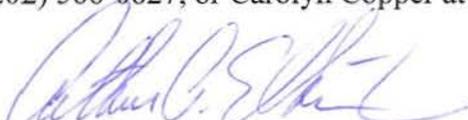
TO: Mathy Stanislaus
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We have reviewed your January 7, 2011 final response to our report, *Website for Coal Combustion Products Partnership Conflicts with Agency Policies* (Report No. 11-P-0002, October 13, 2010). The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) agreed with the OIG recommendations. Your response describes OSWER's completed actions, and includes actual completion dates, to address our recommendations.

A summary of OSWER's completed corrective actions follows:

- Recommendation 1 – Direct the immediate removal of the C2P2 website during the coal ash rulemaking process. OSWER completed this task on July 2, 2010.
- Recommendation 2 – Identify the breakdowns in management controls that allowed actions prohibited by EPA ethics policies to occur and implement controls to establish accountability.
 - Corrective Action 2a: On October 19, 2010, training was provided by the Office of General Counsel to the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) management team and Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division on the EPA standards and policies associated with the use of the EPA logo and endorsements.
 - Corrective Action 2b: On January 7, 2011, ORCR's process for website content approval was revised to strengthen management's role.

We will close these recommendations in OIG's tracking systems. The OIG acknowledges the efforts you have made to address the issues we identified and the courtesy and cooperation exhibited by your staff throughout the course of our work. If you have any questions, please contact Wade Najjum at (202) 566-0827, or Carolyn Copper at (202) 566-0829.


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