



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

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** OIG Evaluation of Agency Response to OIG Report No. 11-P-0616,  
*EPA Has Not Fully Implemented a National Emergency Response Equipment  
Tracking System*, September 13, 2011

**TO:** Bob Perciasepe  
Deputy Administrator

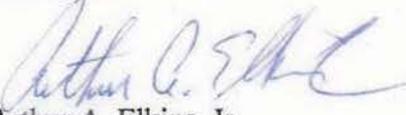
Thank you for submitting your corrective action plan, dated December 13, 2011, for the subject report. This memorandum addresses the extent to which the corrective action plan answers the report recommendations.

We agree that your final corrective action plan proposes courses of action to meet the intent of recommendations 1 and 2. The proposed strategy of data screen optimization adequately meets the needs of recommendation 1. We also acknowledge the course of action you propose for recommendation 2 regarding an alternatives analysis. We will close out these two report recommendations in the Office of Inspector General assignment tracking system. However, the Agency should continue to track these corrective actions in the Management Audit Tracking System until completed.

Your corrective action plan does not answer recommendation 3. Recommendation 3 addresses finding a means of mandating national employment of the selected tracking system for emergency response equipment, but your response addresses a timeline for selecting a national emergency equipment tracking system. In our view, your response to recommendation 3 is more closely related to recommendation 2. Therefore, recommendation 3 will remain open.

We request that you provide a supplemental response that specifically addresses whether the Agency will require universal use of the selected tracking system, and provides a milestone date for when this requirement will take effect. Please provide this additional information by December 31, 2011.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this memo, please contact  
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