



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** 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:** Craig E. Hooks  
Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management

We would like to thank you and your staff for agreeing to promptly resolve recommendation 3 of the subject audit. The agreement between the Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM) and the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), as outlined in the January 5, 2012, e-mail from the OSWER Assistant Administrator, meets the intent of recommendation 3.

The plan for OARM to develop, in consultation with OSWER and by May 31, 2012, an Agency-wide system to track emergency response equipment is responsive to the recommendation. We had previously agreed, as stated in our December 22, 2011, memorandum to the Deputy Administrator, that the final corrective action plans for recommendations 1 and 2 meet the intent of those recommendations. Therefore, we will close out all three 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.

Attached are copies of the January 5, 2012, e-mail from the OSWER Assistant Administrator, and our December 22, 2011, decision. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Melissa Heist, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-0899; or Mike Davis, Acting Director, Efficiency Audits, at (513) 487-2363.

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