



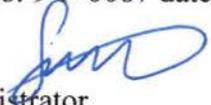
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Recommendations and Revised Agency Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General (OIG) *'Weaknesses in EPA's Management of the Radiation Network System Demand Attention'* Report No. 12-P-0417 dated April 19, 2012 and *'EPA Plans for Managing Counter Terrorism/Emergency Response Equipment and Protecting Critical Assets'* Report No. 9-P-0087 dated January 27, 2009

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TO: Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide an updated corrective action plan in response to the recommendations in the subject audit reports. This document outlines the actions the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) has completed in response to recommendations in the subject audit reports. In accordance with OIG's memorandum, dated October 18, 2012, detailing acceptance of corrective actions 3.c and 5 of Report No. 12-P-0417, OAR is attaching a copy of the National Air and Radiation Environmental Lab (NAREL)'s Quality Assurance Project Plan, as well as the following revised corrective action plan for the remaining recommendation 8 for OIG's consideration.

In response to recommendations 3.c and 8 in the *'Weaknesses in EPA's Management of the Radiation Network System Demand Attention'* Report No. 12-P-0417:

Recommendation 3.c:

Direct that NAREL improve planning and management for RadNet to include, at a minimum: How often filter changes are needed to provide consistency in throughput at NAREL's analytical laboratory and implement a metric for these filter changes.

Corrective Action:

NAREL developed a Quality Assurance Project Plan (attachment) which incorporates a discussion of site-specific variables and their impact on filter change frequency.

Completion Date:

November 30, 2012

Recommendation 8: *Track the installation of the RadNet monitors against the revised schedule and use the contract requirements in recommendations 4 and 5 to hold the contractor accountable.*

Revised Corrective Action:

All RadNet monitors have been delivered and installations are being conducted as sites are prepared. The contracting officer representative (COR) is working with the contracting officer (CO) to negotiate consideration for late deliveries.

Planned Completion Date:

September 30, 2013

Additionally, as identified in Appendix A of Report 12-P-0417, OAR recognizes that the remaining recommendation 2-5 of 'EPA Plans for Managing Counter Terrorism/Emergency Response Equipment and Protecting Critical Assets' Report No. 9-P-0087 corresponds directly with Report No. 12-P-0417's recommendation 8 as identified above, and has prepared the following revised corrective action.

In response to recommendation 2-5 in 'EPA Plans for Managing Counter Terrorism/Emergency Response Equipment and Protecting Critical Assets' Report No. 9-P-0087:

Recommendation 2-5: *Monitor the upgrade of the RadNet system against the planned schedule in the CIPP until completed.*

Revised Corrective Action:

All RadNet monitors have been delivered and installations are being conducted as sites are prepared. The contracting officer representative (COR) is working with the contracting officer (CO) to negotiate consideration for late deliveries.

Planned Completion Date:

September 30, 2013

In accordance with the EPA's Audit Management Procedures Manual 2750, the audit tracking database, MATS, has been updated with the revised corrective actions and completion dates.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact OAR's Audit Coordinator, Maureen Hingeley, at 202-564-1306.

Attachment

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