



At a Glance

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Why We Did This Review

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General conducts site inspections of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 clean water and drinking water projects. We selected the projects at the City of Long Beach, California, for review.

Background

The city received \$5,813,786 in Recovery Act funds from the California State Water Resources Control Board under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program. This amount comprised \$4,319,107 for the Colorado Lagoon Restoration project, \$539,634 for the Los Angeles River Vortex Separation System, \$403,200 for the Los Angeles River Trash Nets, and \$551,845 for the Los Angeles River Trash Separation Device. The Recovery Act funds were for principal forgiveness.

For further information, contact our Office of Congressional, Public Affairs and Management at (202) 566-2391.

The full report is at:
www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2011/20110201-11-R-0082.pdf

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Site Inspection of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects at the City of Long Beach, California

What We Found

We conducted unannounced site inspections of four projects at the City of Long Beach, California, in May 2010. We toured the four projects. For the largest project, the Colorado Lagoon Restoration project, we also conducted interviews of city representatives and contractor personnel, and reviewed documentation related to Recovery Act requirements.

Our site inspections identified a wage compliance issue that merits attention from and action by the city, the California State Water Resources Control Board, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator, Region 9, require the California State Water Resources Control Board to verify that the city is implementing controls to ensure compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and California state prevailing wage requirements.