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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Cancellation:  
Audit of EPA's Eliminated Programs  
Project No. OA-FY16-0181

**FROM:** Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General  
Office of Audit

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**TO:** A. Stanley Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is canceling its audit of the EPA's eliminated programs. This was an OIG-initiated project, with an objective to review the EPA's oversight of its eliminated programs and determine whether eliminated programs resulted in benefits to the agency.

During preliminary research, we interviewed EPA personnel and reviewed processes. We interviewed the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's Office of Budget about the budget process. We reviewed the EPA's budget process for fiscal years 2015 through 2017, which included an analysis of the EPA's Congressional Justifications, Passbacks from the Office of Management and Budget, Presidential Budgets, appropriation bills, and Congressional Explanatory Statements. We judgmentally selected and further reviewed two categorical grants programs that the responsible offices proposed for elimination: Radon and Water Quality Research and Support Grants. Because our audit did not yield any findings, we are canceling the project.

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