



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Revised Project Notification:
Impact of Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Late Reporters on
EPA's Annual TRI National Analysis
No. OA&E-FY18-0002

FROM: Christina Lovingood, Director /s/
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TO: Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has revised the project objective and title for its work regarding the EPA's enforcement of Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) late reporters. Our revised project objective is to determine the extent to which late reporting of TRI data impacts annual TRI national analysis. The original project title, "EPA Enforcement of Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Late Reporters," has been revised to "Impact of Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Late Reporters on EPA's Annual TRI National Analysis." The project number remains unchanged.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our revised objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the project. The OIG plans to conduct work at the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, both located in Washington, D.C. We will provide updates on a regular basis to established contacts in these offices. The anticipated benefits of this project are improved accuracy and transparency of TRI late reporters on the EPA's annual national analysis.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

The project will be supervised by me, and the Project Manager will be Dwayne Crawford. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov, or Dwayne Crawford at (202) 566-2894 or crawford.dwayne@epa.gov.

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