

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 16, 2019

## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Notification:

Audit of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Compliance with the

Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014

Project No. OA&E-FY19-0208

FROM: Rudolph M. Brevard, Director Rudolph M. Brevard

Information Resources Management Directorate

Office of Audit and Evaluation

**TO:** Donna Vizian, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Mission Support

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin fieldwork on our audit of the EPA's compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) of 2014. This audit is statutorily required and is included in the OIG's *Annual Plan*.

The OIG's overall objective is to conduct an independent audit of the EPA's compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2019 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Act Metrics. The OIG plans to conduct audit work at EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and other EPA offices as needed. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefit of this project is to contribute to the agency's theme of "Embracing EPA as a High-Performing Organization."

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of our project. 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 course of the project. Throughout the project, we will provide updates on a regular basis via meetings with and emails to the Chief Information Security Officer and the Audit Follow-Up Coordinator within the Office of Mission Support.

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 Vincent Campbell. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202)566-0893 or brevard.rudy@epa.gov, or Vincent Campbell at (202)566-2540 or campbell.vincent@epa.gov.

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