

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

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General Report No.

19-P-0002, EPA Unable to Assess the Impact of Hundreds of Unregulated Pollutants in Land-Applied Biosolids on Human Health and the Environment, November 15, 2018

FROM:

Charles J. Sheehan, Deputy Inspector General

TO:

David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator

Office of Water

Thank you for your memorandum of May 30, 2019, which included the planned corrective actions for Recommendations 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13 of the subject report. You had previously provided corrective actions for Recommendations 1 through 6, 8 and 12, which we had accepted, and the recommendations were resolved. We had a resolution meeting with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer on April 30, 2019, during which we agreed that Recommendations 7 and 9 would remain unchanged and Recommendations 10, 11 and 13 would be revised.

We agree with the revised Recommendations 10, 11 and 13. We accept the agency's planned corrective actions and milestones as meeting the intent of Recommendations 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13. Therefore, all recommendations for the subject report are now considered resolved. You should track implementation of EPA corrective actions in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 566-1007 or christensen.kevin@epa.gov; or Tina Lovingood, Director, Land Cleanup and Waste Management, at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov.

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