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Office of the Regional Administrator

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Completion of Corrective Actions for Audit Report No. 20-P-0062, “EPA Needs to Improve Its Emergency Planning to Better Address Air Quality Concerns During Future Disasters,” dated December 16, 2019

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Thank you for the opportunity to address the issues and recommendations in the subject audit report. This memorandum documents that all corrective actions assigned to the EPA Region 6 Regional Administrator arising from the subject Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit report have been completed. Please see the attached table for the actions taken and completion dates.

Per EPA Manual 2750, Audit Management Procedures, Part II, Section B.1.c, electronic documents relevant to these actions are retained in the official file, and implementation of the required corrective actions was verified by EPA officials.

If you have any questions regarding this audit or the corrective actions taken on the OIG recommendations, please contact the Region 6’s Audit Follow-up Coordinator, Josephine Hah, at Hah.Josephine@epa.gov or (214) 665-9780.

Attachment

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**REGION 6's COMPLETED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Corrective Actions Taken</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
4	Develop and implement, in coordination with the states, a plan to inform residents in fence line and nearby communities about adverse health risks resulting from multiple facility startups and shutdowns during emergencies and to limit these residents' exposure to air toxics.	Region 6	Region 6 developed an environmental justice communication protocol to be included in EPA's Crises Communication Plan.	November 3, 2020
6	Conduct environmental justice (EJ) training for community liaisons and Incident Command System staff, thereby fulfilling that element of the EPA's Crisis Communication Plan.	Region 6	Region 6 created a new staff training module for communicating with EJ communities; hosted two trainings in May and July 2020 with its emergency response personnel to increase EJ awareness; and hosted a series of EJ training sessions with emergency response staff and the Regional Response Support Corps.	July 28, 2020