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## **EPA Office of Inspector General issues Fiscal Year 2023 Top Management Challenges report**

*OIG identifies top eight management and performance issues facing the EPA*

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General today issued its [Fiscal Year 2023 Top Management Challenges report](#). The report outlines the challenges that the OIG considers as being the most serious management and performance issues facing the EPA. The FY 2023 top EPA management challenges are:

- Mitigating the Causes and Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change
- Integrating and Leading Environmental Justice Across the Agency and Government
- Providing for the Safe Use of Chemicals
- Safeguarding Scientific Integrity Principles
- Ensuring Agency Systems and Other Critical Infrastructure Are Protected Against Cyberthreats
- Managing Business Operations and Resources
- Enforcing Compliance with Environmental Laws and Regulations
- Managing Increased Investment in Infrastructure

All seven management challenges from last year’s report were retained for Fiscal Year 2023 with one modification. The *Managing Infrastructure Funding and Business Operations* challenge was split, creating an eighth challenge addressing management of the increased investment in infrastructure. This challenge focuses on oversight related to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding, the largest infrastructure appropriation in the history of the EPA. Other challenges focus on the administration’s priorities of climate change and environmental justice.

“The top management challenges represent the programs and activities most vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, where barriers may exist that prevent the EPA from efficiently and effectively achieving its mission to protect human health and the environment,” said Inspector General Sean O’Donnell. “This report informs our approach to oversight, helping

to create the foundation for future OIG audits and evaluations that can help the Agency mitigate issues and achieve its mission.”

These challenges were identified through a review of the OIG’s body of previous work, input from EPA senior leadership, and discussions with Agency offices. The OIG will soon issue its Fiscal Year 2023 oversight plan detailing oversight projects that will address the management challenges.

The Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 requires each inspector general to prepare an annual statement summarizing what the inspector general considers to be “the most serious management and performance challenges facing the agency” and to briefly assess the agency’s progress in addressing those challenges.

Anyone with knowledge of potential waste, fraud, and abuse relating to EPA operations and programs is encouraged to report it to the [OIG Hotline](#) at 1-888-546-8740 or [OIG\\_Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:OIG_Hotline@epa.gov).

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