

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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of Agency Response to OIG Report No. 17-P-0004, Management Alert: Drinking Water Contamination in Flint, Michigan, Demonstrates a Need to Clarify EPA Authority to Issue Emergency Orders to Protect the Public, Issued October 20, 2016

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**TO:** Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

On November 21, 2016, The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) provided a final written response to the subject Office of Inspector General (OIG) report. We consider OECA's response adequate to resolve all recommendations in the final report. We are closing out this report as of the date of this memorandum.

We appreciate the cooperation of your staff in resolving this evaluation. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation at (202) 566-0829 or <u>copper.carolyn@epa.gov</u>; or Kathlene Butler, Director, Water Issues, at (404) 562-9736 or <u>butler.kathlene@epa.gov</u>.

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