

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

November 9, 2023

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General

Report No. 23-E-0027, The EPA Has Not Verified that Its Laboratories Comply with

Hazardous Waste Requirements, issued August 14, 2023

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell, Inspector General Sean W. O'Donnell

TO: David M. Uhlmann, Assistant Administrator

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Thank you for your October 13, 2023 memorandum, which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for the remaining unresolved recommendation, Recommendation 1b, in the subject Office of Inspector General report. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions provided meet the intent of Recommendation 1b.

Your office committed to requesting that all authorized states with EPA laboratories that have not been inspected since 2010 inspect such laboratories by the end of fiscal year 2024. Your office also committed to tracking these inspections and providing compliance assistance to EPA laboratories.

All recommendations for the subject report are now considered resolved. You should track implementation of the corrective actions in the Agency's audit tracking system until all actions are completed.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epaoig.gov.

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