



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Audit of the EPA's Payment Integrity Information Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Reporting
Project No. OA-FY24-0021

FROM: Gloria Taylor-Upshaw, Director
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Office of Audit

TO: Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 for fiscal year 2023 reporting. This audit is required annually by the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-123's Appendix C and the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019.

Our objectives are to determine whether the EPA complies with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 for fiscal year 2023 reporting and to evaluate the EPA's corrective action plans and efforts to prevent and reduce improper payments from prior audit recommendations. We plan to conduct work on this audit with headquarters staff. We will use applicable generally accepted government auditing standards to conduct our audit. The anticipated benefits of this audit are improving the EPA's operational efficiency and fiscal accountability.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives. At that time, we can discuss any concerns that you may have and answer any questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes the OIG to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete our objectives. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General* (1994), requires that each EPA employee cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. Also, Administrator Michael S. Regan, in a May 16, 2023 email to EPA employees, stated that the "agency and its employees have a duty to cooperate with OIG" and observed that "full engagement and collaboration between the OIG and EPA provides our agency with the opportunity to improve program performance and efficiency." If an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG, we will request that you immediately resolve the situation. Consistent with the Inspector General Act, we may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and to Congress.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epaoig.gov. Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement related to this audit should contact the OIG Hotline at (888) 546-8740 or via an electronic form on the “OIG Hotline” [webpage](#).

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