




**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General Report No. [23-E-0033](#), *The EPA Needs to Address Increasing Air Pollution at Ports*, issued September 23, 2023

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

**TO:** Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Office of Air and Radiation

Thank you for your November 17, 2023 memorandum, which outlined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for Recommendation 2 for the subject Office of Inspector General report. Our other recommendation was previously resolved. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendation 2.

The Office of Air and Radiation has provided defined and clarified objectives and goals for the performance measures outlined in its original response to our draft report. The OAR has specifically related the metrics provided to specific objectives of the Ports Initiative Program and further committed to continue using these two types of performance measures. The OAR also committed to considering additional steps to evaluate the impact of the EPA's Ports Initiative by the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025, including the establishment of measures to evaluate the new \$3 billion Clean Ports Program in the Inflation Reduction Act that the OAR is currently designing. This additional information provided sufficient evidence that these performance measures will now meet the intent of our recommendation. As the OAR implements the Clean Ports Program, we will continue to monitor the additional steps taken to evaluate programmatic outcomes.

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](http://www.epaoig.gov).

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