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ENFORCEMENT AND
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Office of Inspector General Final Report No. 22-P-0046,
The EPA Needs to Fully Address the OIG's 2018 Flint Water Crisis Report
Recommendations by Improving Controls, Training, and Risk Assessments,
dated May 17, 2022

FROM: Mark Badalamente, Senior Resource Official

TO: Sean O'Donnell, Inspector General

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Recommendation 2 in the subject audit report. The Agency agrees with Recommendation 2 as revised. Revising the recommendation from all tips to only those tips retained by EPA will moderate the resource burden and allow the Agency to satisfy this Recommendation.

AGENCY'S POSITION

Recommendation 2 – Agree

Incorporate controls into the Report a Violation system to assess the risks associated with tips retained by the EPA and to track when and how the retained tips are resolved.

RESPONSE

We accept revised Recommendation 2.

OECA manages the Report a Violation (RAV) system, which has been used for many years to gather citizen tips regarding possible noncompliance issues – large and small – regardless of media. The RAV system is readily accessible and highly visible on EPA's website; the 'Report a Violation' link is located at the top banner of each page. The RAV system provides a set of fillable fields where the public can quickly and easily provide information on the location and nature of the possible violation. The system also allows the upload of photo and video files. Tips can be entered anonymously. Once reported, the information in the RAV system can be queried in numerous ways, including by location (state, county, or zip code) and statute.

EPA will establish and implement a plan to assess the risks associated with tips retained by the EPA and track when and how the retained tips are resolved.

AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>High-Level Intended Corrective Action(s)</i>	<i>Estimated Completion Date</i>
2	Incorporate controls into the Report a Violation system to assess the risks associated with tips retained by the EPA and to track when and how the retained tips are resolved.	Establish and implement a plan to formalize controls into the Report a Violation system to assess the risks associated with tips retained by the EPA and track when and how the retained tips are closed out.	4/30/23

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this response, please have your staff contact OECA's Audit Follow-Up Coordinator, Gwendolyn Spriggs, at spriggs.gwendolyn@epa.gov or 202-564-2439.

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