

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

July 14, 2024

MEMORANDUM

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

Report No. <u>24-E-0033</u>, EPA Region 7 Did Not Effectively Engage with the Community

Surrounding the Findett Corp. Superfund Site, issued April 17, 2024

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TO: Meghan McCollister, Regional Administrator

EPA Region 7

Thank you for your May 28, 2024 memorandum, which includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for two unresolved recommendations issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The other three recommendations were previously resolved.

Based on the information provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendations 4 and 5. Specifically, on Recommendation 4, the information you provided addresses the concerns we described in our report regarding community involvement coordinators not regularly attending site team meetings at which they would gain an ongoing understanding of site and community activities and be able to recognize opportunities and provide informed recommendations for community involvement. Additionally, on Recommendation 5, the information you provided addresses our concerns on ensuring that community involvement plans follow relevant guidelines and change as site conditions change. 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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