

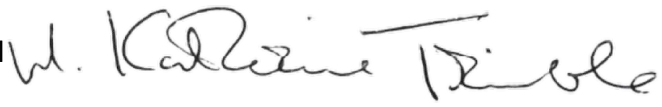


OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

July 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:
Summary Report: The EPA's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
funding for the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Program
Project No. OA-FY25-0076

FROM: Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General 
Office of Audit

TO: Sarah Dunham, Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, performing
delegated duties as the Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to review prior EPA OIG reports to summarize findings related to the EPA's Clean School Bus 2022 Rebate Program. The project number is OA-FY25-0076.

Our objective is to summarize findings from prior EPA OIG reports on the EPA's management of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding for the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Program that could help inform the Agency's decision-making when funding future programs. This project does not constitute an audit or evaluation but is intended to comprise a review of prior EPA OIG reports. We will be conducting this work in accordance with the *Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General*.

We will contact the audit liaison in the Office of Air and Radiation to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we will answer any questions from the program office about our process, reporting procedures, and methods used to gather and analyze data.

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. Additionally, Administrator Lee Zeldin, in a February 7, 2025, email to EPA employees, said that "the OIG requires information and assistance from EPA managers and staff on a regular basis" and outlined his expectation that EPA employees "report waste, fraud, and abuse to the OIG." He explained that this "responsibility to report appropriate activity to the OIG is one of the most important and successful means the OIG has for identifying and stopping wrongdoing" and that review and oversight enable the Agency to be more effective in achieving its mission. 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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