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Statement of EPA Inspector General Sean O’Donnell on PFAS Hearing

Today’s hearing on federal efforts to address PFAS contamination should give the American taxpayer confidence that the oversight work conducted by inspectors general results in meaningful improvements. The Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for protecting human health and the environment, including from chemicals such as PFAS. The EPA Office of Inspector General provides independent and objective oversight of Agency operations and programs, to help the EPA more efficiently and effectively accomplish its mission. The EPA OIG has produced a significant body of work dealing with the EPA’s role in addressing PFAS and chemical safety, and we will continue our oversight in this area so that the EPA can successfully lead federal efforts to clean up and mitigate PFAS pollution.