



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

January 18, 2022

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General
Report No. 21-E-0163, *EPA Has Reduced Its Backlog of State Implementation Plans Submitted Prior to 2013 but Continues to Face Challenges in Taking Timely Final Actions on Submitted Plans*, issued June 14, 2021

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell

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TO: Joseph Goffman, Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation

Thank you for your November 19, 2021 memorandum, which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for the one unresolved recommendation issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The remaining three recommendations were previously resolved. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendation 2.

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.epa.gov/oig.

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