



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

February 23, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General Report No. 22-E-0009, *Authorized State Hazardous Waste Program Inspections and Operations Were Impacted During Coronavirus Pandemic*, issued December 1, 2021

**FROM:** Sean W. O'Donnell

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean W. O'Donnell".

**TO:** Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator  
Office of Land and Emergency Management

Lawrence E. Starfield, Acting Assistant Administrator  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Thank you for your January 31, 2022 memorandum, which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated completion dates for the two unresolved recommendations issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. The other three recommendations were previously resolved. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions meet the intent of Recommendations 1 and 5. 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](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

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