




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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

October 13, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General  
Report No. [22-E-0053](#), *The EPA Needs to Improve the Transparency of Its Cancer-Assessment Process for Pesticides*, issued July 20, 2022

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**TO:** Michal Freedhoff, PhD, Assistant Administrator  
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Thank you for your September 15, 2022, memorandum, which includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions and estimated milestone dates for three of the nine recommendations issued in the subject Office of Inspector General report. Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, we agree that the planned corrective actions for Recommendations 1 and 2 meet the intent of our recommendations. You should track implementation of the corrective actions in the Agency's audit tracking system until all actions are completed.

However, we do not agree with the planned corrective action for Recommendation 8, which specifically recommended that the Agency "conduct an external peer review on the EPA's 1,3-Dichloropropene cancer risk assessment." Your planned corrective action is to externally peer review the 2020 registrant-sponsored peer review, which was conducted by SciPinion, rather than conduct an external peer review of the EPA's 1,3-Dichloropropene cancer risk assessment. We consider this recommendation unresolved. EPA Manual 2750 requires that recommendations be resolved promptly.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at [www.epa.gov/oig](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

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