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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Audit:  
The EPA's Clean School Bus Program  
Project No. OA-FY23-0051

**FROM:** Khadija Walker, Director  
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Office of Audit

**TO:** Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Performing Delegated Duties  
of Assistant Administrator  
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA's clean school bus program. This audit is part of the OIG's [oversight plan](#) for fiscal year 2023. This audit also addresses the following fiscal year 2023 [top management challenges](#) for the Agency: (1) managing increased investment in infrastructure and (2) managing business operations and resources.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether potential supply chain or production delays could impact the EPA's efforts to disburse and manage clean school bus program funds pursuant to section 71101 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit. The anticipated benefits of this audit include enhanced management and oversight of the clean school bus program.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General* (1994), requires that each EPA employee cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. Also, Administrator Michael S. Regan, in an April 28, 2021 email message to EPA employees, conveyed his "expectation that EPA personnel provide OIG timely access to records or other information" and observed that "full cooperation with the OIG is in the best interest of the public we serve." We will request that you immediately resolve the situation if an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. Consistent with the IG Act, we may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and to Congress.

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