




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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Audit:
EPA's Fiscal Year 2022 Public Reporting of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Financial and Award Data
Project No. OA-FY23-0046

FROM: Devon Padula, Director 
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TO: Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA's fiscal year 2022 public reporting of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act financial and award data. 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 the EPA's reporting of fiscal year 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act obligations and outlays in USAspending.gov is complete and accurate. The OIG plans to conduct work on this audit remotely. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit. The anticipated benefit of this audit is increased transparency and accountability related to the EPA's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spending.

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. We may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at 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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