

OIG Report to the Office of Management and Budget on the EPA's Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Young:

The Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-194, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-123, Appendix B, *A Risk Management Framework for Government Charge Card Programs*, directs each head of an executive agency with more than \$10 million in purchase card spending annually, and each inspector general of such an executive agency, to submit to the Office of Management and Budget director, on a semiannual basis, a joint report on purchase card violations. In accordance with the Act, Appendix B states that at a minimum, the report should include (1) a summary of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card following completion of a review by the agency or by the inspector general of the agency and (2) a summary of all adverse personnel action, punishment, or other action taken based on each violation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared the *Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations* for the period of April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, which is attached to this letter. The EPA reported no violations for the period. No additional information inconsistent with the EPA's violation report for the reporting period came to our attention. Additionally, we received no allegations of misuse of the government purchase card for the semiannual period.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for Audit, at trimble.katherine@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Sean W. O'Donnell
Inspector General

cc: Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, EPA
Nicole Murley, Deputy Inspector General, EPA
Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, EPA

SEMI – ANNUAL REPORT ON PURCHASE CHARGE CARD VIOLATIONS
 COMPONENT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PURCHASE CARD VIOLATION DATA

I. Summary description of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card or integrated card.	Apr. 1, 2023 – Sep. 30, 2023 FY 2023
a. Abuse ¹	0
b. Fraud ¹	0
c. Other loss, waste, or misuse	0
II. Summary description of all adverse personnel actions, punishment, or other actions taken in response to each reportable violation involving misuse of a purchase or integrated card.²	Apr. 1, 2023 – Sep. 30, 2023 FY 2023
a. Documentation of Counseling	0
b. Demotion	0
c. Reprimand	0
d. Suspension	0
e. Removal	0
f. Other	0
III. Status of all pending violations.	Apr. 1, 2023 – Sep. 30, 2023 FY 2023
a. Number of violations pending investigation	0
b. Number of violations pending hearing	0
c. Number of violations pending final agency action	0
d. Number of violations pending decision on appeal	0

¹Terms used are defined in the [Government Auditing Standards](#).

² This summary is for adverse personnel actions, not for administrative errors.



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