

# **OIG Report to the Office of Management and Budget on the EPA's Semiannual Report on Purchase Card Violations**

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**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The Honorable Russell T. Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Vought:

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*, direct 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 OMB director, on a semiannual basis, a joint report on purchase card violations. At a minimum, the report must include (1) a summary of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card following completion of a review by the agency or the inspector general of the agency and (2) a summary of all adverse personnel action, punishment, and other action taken based on each confirmed violation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared the *Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations* covering the period between October 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025, which is attached to this letter. The EPA reported no violations for the period. My office received no information that is inconsistent with the EPA's violation report for the reporting period. We received one allegation of misuse of a government purchase card during this semiannual period, but a subsequent investigation determined that, although an unauthorized user accessed the purchase card, there was no employee misuse.

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

Sincerely,

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Acting Inspector General

cc: Paige Hanson, Chief Financial Officer, 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**

<b>I. Summary description of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card or integrated card.</b>	Oct. 1, 2024 – Mar. 31, 2025 FY 2025
a. Abuse <sup>1</sup>	0
b. Fraud <sup>1</sup>	0
c. Other loss, waste, or misuse	0
<b>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.<sup>2</sup></b>	Oct. 1, 2024 – Mar. 31, 2025 FY 2025
a. Documentation of Counseling	0
b. Demotion	0
c. Reprimand	0
d. Suspension	0
e. Removal	0
f. Other	0
<b>III. Status of all pending violations.</b>	Oct. 1, 2024 – Mar. 31, 2025 FY 2025
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

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

<sup>2</sup> This summary is for adverse personnel actions, not for administrative errors.



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