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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Evaluation of the Adequacy of EPA's Oversight of State Federal Insecticide,
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Programs
Project No. OPE-FY14-0007

FROM: Jeffrey Harris, Director /s/
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The EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin fieldwork on the subject project. Our updated objective is to determine how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) state oversight ensures the quality of state-performed Worker Protection Standard inspections and Certification and Training inspections.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm our mutual understandings on the objective and scope for this project, for which we have already conducted preliminary research. We also want to confirm the responsibilities of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, and the OIG during the project. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters, two regional offices and relevant states. This project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The anticipated benefits of this project are improved controls and processes for oversight of state implementation and enforcement of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, which will ensure that the public and the environment are adequately protected from pesticide threats.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the fieldwork phase of our project. We will answer any questions you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-0831 or harris.jeffrey@epa.gov; or Jee Kim, Project Manager, at (202) 566-2912, or kim.jee@epa.gov.

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