



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Evaluation of EPA's Reported Results From the Presidential Green Chemistry
Challenge Awards Program
Project No. OPE-FY15-0052

FROM: Jeffrey Harris, Director
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TO: Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research on the EPA's reported results from the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Awards Program. This project is included in our fiscal year 2015 annual plan.

Our objectives are to ensure that all reported "Green Chemistry" program contributions from the EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics to the EPA's performance measures are adequately supported and transparent. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters and at any applicable awardee sites. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used to conduct our project. The anticipated benefits of this project are to ensure that all reported contributions to the EPA's performance measures are adequately supported and transparent.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We are also interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions 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. Throughout the project, we will provide regular teleconference or videoconference updates to the point of contact designated by your office.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objective(s). We will request your resolution if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records 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 our Semiannual Report to Congress.

Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0831 or harris.jeffrey@epa.gov; or to the Project Manager, Laretta Joseph, at (212) 637-3049 or joseph.laretta@epa.gov.

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