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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Region 8 additional information on the methodology for Senior Environmental Employee (SEE) funding

FROM: Shaun L. McGrath, Regional Administrator 

TO: Arthur A. Elkins Jr.
Inspector General

On December 20, 2013, I forwarded you my response to your September 24, 2013 report titled "Implementation Plan with Cost Sharing Methodology Needed for Region 8 Senior Environmental Employee Work on Lead Risk Reduction, Report No. 13-P-0430". In a follow-up to my response, I received your memo requesting that we provide additional information related to our approach for cost sharing of SEE funding between our Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance and our Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice.

In my original response I outlined how funding will be allocated in FY14 and subsequent years; however, you asked that we better define our methodology for SEE funding.

At this point, we have allocated funds based upon the current FY14 work plans for each office. These work plans for SEE activities have been fairly consistent over time with approximately 65% of the SEE funds being provided to OPRA work activities and 35% of the funds to ECEJ SEE activities. We intend for this funding distribution (65% and 35%) to be used in the future unless there is a significant SEE work load change in either office. If a significant change is needed, the programs will meet to re-evaluate the funds distribution scheme and allocate funds accordingly.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or have your staff contact Callie Videtich, Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator at (303) 312-6434.