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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Hotline Complaint Regarding Proposal of ASTM D7575 as an Alternate Method for Oil and Grease

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TO: Nancy Stoner
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In response to a hotline complaint, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct a review of the process followed by the Office of Water (OW) in issuing the December 14, 2011, Notice of Data Availability (NODA) for the Agency's proposed approval of ASTM D7575 as an alternative test procedure to Method 1664A for oil and grease. Specifically, our review will address the following question:

In reviewing ASTM D7575 as an alternative method for measuring oil and grease, and issuing the proposed Methods Update Rule and subsequent NODA, did EPA adhere to applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures and guidance, including the Clean Water Act, 40 CFR 136, and EPA's Action Development Process?

We will contact your staff to arrange our kick-off meeting, interviews, and document reviews. We plan to begin immediately and visit the Office of Water the week of April 9, 2012. At the kick-off meeting we will address any questions you may have about the OIG hotline process and reporting procedures.

If you or your staffs have any questions regarding this assignment, please contact Rick Beusse at (919) 541-5747 or beusse.rick@epa.gov, or Erica Hauck at (303) 312-6629 or hauck.eric@epa.gov.

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