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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Initiation of Evaluation of EPA's Efforts to Safeguard the Nation's Drinking Water Supply in the Event of Attacks and Natural Disasters  
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The Office of Inspector General is beginning preliminary research for an evaluation of EPA's water security program. Our review will include follow-up on EPA's efforts to address previous water security evaluation recommendations and suggestions.

We will address the following questions during preliminary research:

1. *How does EPA ensure that its efforts and initiatives are safeguarding the nation's drinking water supply from attacks and natural disasters?*
2. *How has EPA addressed recommendations and suggestions from prior evaluations of the water security program?*

We plan to gather information within EPA headquarters and regions as appropriate. This assignment will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will contact your audit liaisons within 30 days to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives, scope, and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. At this meeting, we will also answer questions you may have about our process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project. Meeting attendees should come prepared to provide input on the OIG objectives and issues under review. We would also like to arrange additional meetings with appropriate staff following our initial meeting.

If you or your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 566-0830 or [engelberg.dan@epa.gov](mailto:engelberg.dan@epa.gov), or Anne Declerck, Project Manager, at (215) 814-5311 or [declerck.anne@epa.gov](mailto:declerck.anne@epa.gov).

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