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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of OIG Preliminary Research

FROM: Carolyn Copper /s/
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TO: Mathy Stanislaus
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This memorandum announces the start of Office of Inspector General (OIG) preliminary research on the Superfund removal program. This assignment is included in the OIG's 2012 annual plan. We will address the following questions during preliminary research:

1. What are the environmental results and benefits achieved through Superfund removals?
2. What is EPA's plan to maintain its targeted level of Superfund removals through 2015?

We will contact your staff within 30 days to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective, scope, and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. Meeting attendees should come to the meeting prepared to provide input on OIG objectives and issues under review. 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.

Steve Hanna is the Project Manager for this assignment. I can be reached at (202) 566-0829 or copper.carolyn@epa.gov, or Steve Hanna can be reached at (415) 947-4527 or hanna.steve@epa.gov, if you or your staff have any questions.

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