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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request from Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change
Project No. OPE-FY13-0014

FROM: Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General /s/
Office of Program Evaluation

TO: Craig Hooks, Assistant Administrator
Office of Administration and Resources Management

In response to a request from Congress' Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change, the Office of Inspector General is starting an evaluation on climate change. In this review, we plan to do the following:

1. Conduct a follow-up review on EPA's implementation of OIG's recommendation to "make adjustments to the GHG emission reductions and/or reduction goals based on actual funding and status of projects, and revise EPA's overall reduction goal if needed during the annual update of the Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan." This recommendation was made, and agreed to by EPA, in OIG's April 2011 Report No. 11-P-0209, *EPA's Plan to Reduce Agency Greenhouse Gas Emissions Is on Track to Meet Executive Order 13514 Requirements*
2. Assess the extent to which the agency is meeting its 2012 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan objectives.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time for a kickoff meeting to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. Due to the timeframe for this review, we would like to meet with you within the next 2 weeks. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have 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.

To ensure the timely completion of this project, we will be requesting that you provide us data to support your reported accomplishments regarding the 2012 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan. A member of our office will be in touch with you in the next few days to discuss our data needs and what information you should bring to the kick-off meeting.

OIG Product Line Director Eric Lewis and Project Manager Christine El-Zoghbi will supervise this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 566-0829 or Copper.Carolyn@epa.gov, or Eric Lewis at (202) 566-2664 or Lewis.Eric@epa.gov, if you have any questions.

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