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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OIG Fieldwork Notification

FROM: Carolyn Copper /s/
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TO: Cynthia Giles
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has completed preliminary research into how long facilities remain in compliance following enforcement actions (OIG Assignment Number 2012-0005). Our preliminary research focused on four National Enforcement Initiatives: petroleum refineries, leak detection and repair, mineral processing, and storm water. We identified the National Petroleum Refinery Initiative for additional research at this time. Our fieldwork will address the following question:

To what extent have the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) enforcement actions led to sustained compliance under the National Petroleum Refinery Initiative?

We will conduct fieldwork, to include additional interviews at EPA headquarters and several EPA regions. This assignment will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. During the course of our review, we will provide your office regular updates on a mutually agreed-upon schedule.

We will contact your audit liaison within the next 2 weeks to arrange a convenient time to discuss our objective. At this meeting, we will answer any questions you may have about our objective, process, reporting procedures, or methods we intend to use. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Dan Engelberg, Director for Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Water Issues, at (202) - 566-0830, or Kathlene Butler, Project Manager, at (404) 562-9736.

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