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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Review of EPA's Compliance With Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 During Fiscal Year 2012

**FROM:** Melissa M. Heist  
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**TO:** Barbara J. Bennett  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is beginning a review of EPA's compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (the Act) during fiscal year 2012. The Act and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-11-16 require that the Inspector General evaluate the accuracy and completeness of agency reporting and the agency's performance in reducing and recapturing improper payments. Our audit will focus on these requirements.

The project manager for this assignment will be Mary Anne Strasser. We would like to meet with you during the week of November 12, 2012, to discuss the purpose and objectives of our audit. We will contact the audit liaison to arrange a specific time and date for the meeting. During the meeting, we will answer any questions you have about the audit process, and we will discuss our methodology. The OIG has 120 days from the issuance of the annual financial report to issue a report on compliance with the Act.

We are requesting that you provide the following information to Mary Anne Strasser ([strasser.maryanne@epa.gov](mailto:strasser.maryanne@epa.gov)) prior to the initial meeting:

1. A listing of staff who are responsible for reporting or consolidating 2012 improper payment information
2. An advance draft copy of the 2012 Annual Financial Report section on improper payments
3. Spreadsheets used to consolidate improper payment totals

The audit team conducting this review is coordinating its work with the OIG's financial statement audit team.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Janet Kasper at (312) 886-3059 or [kasper.janet@epa.gov](mailto:kasper.janet@epa.gov).

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