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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of OIG Preliminary Research on the Adequacy of EPA's Oversight of State FIFRA Programs Project No. OPE-FY14-4013

**FROM:** Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General  
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**TO:** Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin preliminary research on the adequacy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) oversight of states' Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) programs. Our objectives are to determine the efficacy of the EPA's oversight of the states implementation of the FIFRA programs, including enforcement of pesticide product compliance and user compliance with FIFRA provisions. The anticipated benefit of this project is to ensure that states are efficiently and effectively assuring industry and user compliance with FIFRA pesticide labeling requirements in order to protect human health and the environment from the potential impact of improper pesticides use, mislabeling of pesticides and distribution of unregistered pesticides.

We plan to perform work within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. We will conduct the project using applicable *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*.

We will contact your audit liaisons, Gwendolyn Spriggs and Janet Weiner, to arrange a mutually agreeable time within 2 weeks to discuss our objectives, the purpose of our project and 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.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the OIG Acting Director for Toxics, Chemical Management and Pollution Prevention, Jerri Dorsey, at (919) 541-3601 or [dorsey.jerri@epa.gov](mailto:dorsey.jerri@epa.gov); or the

Acting Project Manager, Steven Weber, at (617) 918-1465 or [weber.steven@epa.gov](mailto:weber.steven@epa.gov). We will provide updates on a regular basis to agreed-upon contacts from your offices.

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