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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** OIG Report Close Out, Report No. 10-P-0217

**TO:** Shawn M. Garvin  
Region 3 Administrator

We have reviewed your December 7, 2010 final response to our report, *EPA Should Improve Oversight of Long-Term Monitoring at Bruin Lagoon Superfund Site in Pennsylvania* (Report No. 10-P-0217, September 8, 2010). Region 3 agreed with the OIG recommendations and provided complete corrective action plans.

A summary of the region's proposed and/or completed corrective actions follows:

- Recommendation 2-1 – A memorandum was issued to the Region 3 Remedial Project Managers outlining procedures to be used to address non-compliance with State Superfund Contracts (“SSCs”). The memorandum was issued on November 23, 2010.
- Recommendation 2-2 – The Site O&M Plan was updated and finalized on August 30, 2010.
- Recommendation 2-3 – An addendum to the Bruin 2009 Five Year Review was issued on August 30, 2010 and is available on EPA's website.
- Recommendation 2-4 – The region is in the process of developing and formalizing a quality assurance procedure to be implemented for Five Year Reviews. It is anticipated that the Technical Support Branch will conduct the quality assurance review of the data during their technical review of the draft Five Year Review document. The region is drafting a document entitled "*Procedures for Data Transcription Checking for the Hazardous Site Cleanup Division - Offices of Superfund Site Remediation & Technical and Administrative Support*". The Hazardous Site Cleanup Division (HSCD) is implementing the procedures to insure the accurate handling of field data in the preparation of five-year-review evaluations. It is anticipated the region will complete this recommendation by March 1, 2011.

We will close these OIG recommendations in our tracking systems. The region should continue to track completion of corrective actions in the Agency's tracking system (MATS). The region must consult with OIG in advance of modifying any agreed to corrective actions.

We recognize the region's actions to improve management and performance issues at the Bruin Lagoon Superfund site. If you have any questions, please contact Wade Najjum, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation at (202) 566-0827, or Carolyn Copper at (202) 566-0829.



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