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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Close-Out of OIG Report No. 12-P-0417, Weaknesses in EPA's Management of the Radiation Network System Demand Attention, issued April 19, 2012

FROM: Arthur A. Elkins Jr. (http://

TO: Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator Office of Air and Radiation

Thank you for your response dated February 14, 2013. Your response indicated the corrective actions that the Office of Air and Radiation plans to take on recommendations 3.c and 8.

To address recommendation 3.c, OAR provided the December 3, 2012, National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory Quality Assurance Project Plan. This QAPP discussed site-specific variables and their impact on filter change frequency. These actions meet the intent of our recommendation, so we will close out recommendation 3.c in the Office of Inspector General's audit tracking system.

In response to recommendation 8, the agency stated that all monitors have been delivered and installations will be completed by September 30, 2013. In addition, the contracting officer representative is working with the contracting officer to negotiate consideration for late deliveries. We agree with OAR and Office of Administration and Resources Management actions, so we will close out recommendation 8 in the OIG's audit tracking system.

The OIG's 2009 report, *EPA Plans for Managing Counter Terrorism/Emergency Response Equipment and Protecting Critical Assets Not Fully Implemented*, Report No. 09-P-0087, recommendation 2-5, required the agency to "Monitor the upgrade of the RadNet system against the planned schedule in the CIPP [Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Protection Plan] until completed." This is the same as recommendation 8 in the 2012 RadNet report, which required the agency to "track the installation of the RadNet monitors against the revised schedule and use the contract requirements in recommendations 4 and 5 to hold the contractor accountable." For recommendation 8, the agency stated all monitors have been delivered and installations will be completed by September 30, 2013. These actions meet the intent of our 2009 report recommendation 2-5, so we will close out recommendation 2-5 in the OIG's audit tracking system.

We appreciate your commitment to addressing these recommendations and will close out the remaining report recommendations in the OIG audit tracking system. However, the agency should continue to track these corrective actions in the Management Audit Tracking System until completed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Melissa Heist, assistant inspector general for audit, at (202) 566-0899; or Michael D. Davis, director, efficiency audits, at (513) 487-2363.

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