



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Audit of EPA's Fiscal Year 2015 Compliance with Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010
Project No. OA-FY16-0049

FROM: Michael Petscavage, Director *Michael Petscavage*
Contract and Assistance Agreement Audits
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TO: David Bloom
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is beginning an audit of the EPA's reporting of improper payments during fiscal year 2015. The objectives of our audit are to report on the EPA's compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010, and to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of agency reporting and performance in reducing and recapturing improper payments. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit.

We would like to meet with you during the week of November 16, 2015, to discuss the purpose and objective 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 180 days from the issuance of the annual financial report to issue a report on compliance.

To ensure the success and timely completion of this project, please provide the following information to Mary Anne Strasser prior to the initial meeting:

1. A listing of staff responsible for reporting or consolidating fiscal year 2015 improper payment information.
2. An advance draft copy of the fiscal year 2015 Annual Financial Report section on improper payments.
3. Spreadsheets used to consolidate improper payment totals.
4. Office of Management and Budget approval for the EPA's sampling plan.
5. Risk assessments completed in fiscal year 2015 for payment streams included in fiscal year 2015's Annual Financial Report section on improper payments.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objective. We will request your resolution

if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG, or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the Semiannual Report to Congress.

I will supervise this audit and the Project Manager will be Mary Anne Strasser. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-0897 or petscavage.michael@epa.gov; or Mary Anne Strasser at (303) 312-6972 or strasser.maryanne@epa.gov.

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