



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Evaluation of the Antimicrobial Testing Program
Project No. OPE-FY16-0001

FROM: Jeffrey K. Harris, Director
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Office of Program Evaluation

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

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin field work with a modified objective from our September 21, 2015, kickoff meeting with the Office of Pollution Prevention.

The OIG's objective is to evaluate options for improving the EPA's antimicrobial testing program. The OIG plans to conduct work at headquarters. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefit of this project is to ensure that the EPA has taken sufficient steps to protect human health.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the field work phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions 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. Throughout the project, we will provide updates on a regular basis via scheduled teleconference calls to the officials your office designates.

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 objectives. 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.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-0831 or harris.jeffrey@epa.gov; or Jerri Dorsey, Project Manager, at (919) 541-3601 or dorsey.jerri@epa.gov.

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