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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Cancellation:  
Audit on Status of Corrective Actions to Address Operational Deficiencies at the  
EPA's National Center for Radiation Field Operations  
Project No. OA-FY16-0179

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**TO:** Jonathan Edwards, Acting Director  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is canceling the subject audit. This was an OIG-initiated project based on a referral from our Office of Investigations. The objective of the audit was to determine the status of EPA actions to address long-standing operational deficiencies related to quality assurance requirements and the technical competencies of staff at the National Center for Radiation Field Operations (NCRFO).

We interviewed EPA managers and staff regarding their work. We also reviewed related policies, procedures, guidance documents and other information used by NCRFO to perform its roles and responsibilities. NCRFO has taken numerous actions to address operational deficiencies and was cleared to resume servicing its external customers in January 2016. It is premature to review NCRFO's operations; therefore, the assignment will be closed.

The work performed during preliminary research did not constitute an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, and no report will be issued to the EPA. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter further, please contact John Trefry, Director, Forensic Audits, at (202) 566-2474 or [trefry.john@epa.gov](mailto:trefry.john@epa.gov); or Angela Bennett, Project Manager, at (404) 562-9844 or [bennett.angela@epa.gov](mailto:bennett.angela@epa.gov).

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