



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Office of Inspector General Report No. 18-P-0239, "EPA Asserts Statutory Law Enforcement Authority to Protect Its Administrator but Lacks Procedures to Assess Threats and Identify the Proper Level of Protection," September 4, 2018

FROM: David A. Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer
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TO: Charles J. Sheehan, Acting Inspector General
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OCFO'S OVERALL POSITION

The OCFO agrees with the recommendations in the report and, in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Manual 2750, we are providing revisions to the previous corrective actions for Recommendations 11 and 12 to address the OIG's concerns. Now that they are completed, I request that these two open recommendations be closed upon receipt of this notification.

OCFO'S RESPONSE TO AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Table with 5 columns: No., Recommendation, Assigned to, High-Level Intended Corrective Action(s), Estimated Completion by Quarter and FY. Row 11: Design and implement new controls to prevent the reoccurrence of unauthorized payments that will put an employee above the annual statutory pay cap. Assigned to: OCFO. High-Level Intended Corrective Action(s): Concur. EPA requested the Interior Business Center, the agency's payroll provider, put in place a system edit which will ensure biweekly pay cap lift requests are edited against the proper year. The enhancement, ENHC0035277, is scheduled for release in April 2020. The IBC has implemented a review process to mitigate the issue until implementation. Estimated Completion by Quarter and FY: Completed June 2018

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			of the system enhancement. In addition, the OCFO introduced the Pay Cap Lift SharePoint site to more effectively review pay cap lift requests.	
12	Determine whether similar unauthorized payments above the annual statutory pay cap have been made to other EPA employees in calendar years 2016 and 2017, and recover any overpayments as appropriate.	OCFO	Concur. The agency, in collaboration with the IBC, completed a review of unauthorized payments above the statutory pay cap for calendar years 2016 and 2017. The agency identified the occurrences, determined the amount and requested repayment. All debts have been established and either have been repaid or are in the repayment process.	Completed July 16, 2019

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