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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Office of Inspector General Final Report No. 19-P-0267 "EPA Exceeded the Deregulatory Goals of Executive Order 13771," Dated August 9, 2019

FROM: Doug Benevento 
Associate Deputy Administrator

TO: Charles J. Sheehan
Acting Inspector General

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the issues and recommendations in the subject audit report. Following is a summary of the agency's overall position, along with its position on each of the report recommendations. For those report recommendations with which the agency agrees, we have provided high-level intended corrective actions and estimated completion dates to the extent we can. For those report recommendations with which the agency does not agree, we have explained our position, and proposed alternatives to recommendations.

AGENCY'S OVERALL POSITION

We will take corrective action to address the recommendations in the report. For one recommendation, we disagree and are proposing an alternative corrective action.

AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Agreements

Recommendation	High-Level Intended Corrective Action(s)	Estimated Completion
1a, 1b, and 1c	The Chair of the Regulatory Reform Task Force will send a message to the members of the Task Force that addresses the issues identified in these recommendations.	Q2 FY20



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Disagreements

Recommendation	Agency Explanation/Response	Proposed Alternative
2	The OIG recommendation would result in duplicative effort to provide information that is already in the public domain because there are several existing, accessible portals that provide this information. Information about regulatory actions is available in the Semiannual Regulatory Agenda. Since all regulatory actions are reviewed by OMB, they are also listed on reginfo .gov when review begins and when review concludes. This site is updated daily. Regulatory actions are frequently announced by the EPA, covered in the press, and pre-publication versions of the actions are often posted online shortly after they are signed. Finally, regulatory actions are published in the Federal Register; the Federal Register website is also updated daily. In contrast, not all deregulatory actions go through all these steps, which is why EPA established a dedicated website where they are all listed in one place.	In addition to maintaining existing sources of information on EO 13771 regulatory actions, EPA will establish a new web page that will list the final regulatory actions as they are completed. EPA will establish the web page by Q2 FY20.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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