



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

# EXPECTED REPORT ISSUANCE

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This document reflects the most recent time frames within which we expect to issue our ongoing audit and evaluation reports. The status of those time frames is subject to change.

PROJECT	OIG OBJECTIVE(S)	EXPECTED REPORT ISSUANCE
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Accountability for and Oversight of Expired Assistance Agreements</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0250	Determine (1) whether the EPA complied with Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act requirements by submitting the required report to Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by December 31, 2017, and (2) the effectiveness of the EPA's management of and accountability for the timely closeout of assistance agreements.	Winter 2020
<a href="#"><u>The Border 2020 Program</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0245	Determine whether EPA Border 2020 management controls are sufficient for verifying that program activities are completed, linked to the accomplishment of program objectives, and demonstrate progress toward achieving the program's environmental and public health goals and objectives.	Winter 2020
<a href="#"><u>U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's (CSB's) Compliance with Federal Information Management Security Act (FISMA) for Fiscal Year 2019</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0213	Determine whether the CSB is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2019 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Act metrics.	Winter 2020

<a href="#"><u>EPA Enforcement of Toxic Release Inventory Late Reporters</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0002	Determine whether the EPA is taking enforcement actions against companies that delay required reporting of chemical release data to the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>Superfund Site Visits – Verification of the Effectiveness of Institutional Controls</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0090	Determine the answer to the following question: Do the EPA's Superfund institutional controls achieve their stated goal of preventing human exposure at Superfund sites?	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>Implementation of the EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0272	Determine whether the EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy is being implemented as intended to assure scientific integrity throughout the EPA.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>Indian Tribal Grants</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0314	Determine whether the costs claimed under selected individual Indian tribal grants are reasonable, allocable and allowable in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms and conditions.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>Lautenberg Act Resource Planning and Management</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0127	Determine whether the EPA (1) has met Lautenberg Act deadlines and (2) has the staff, resources and management controls in place to meet future statutory deadlines.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Indian Country New Source Review Program</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0267	Determine the EPA's progress in implementing a Clean Air Act preconstruction permitting program (New Source Review) for new sources and modifications in Indian country.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Compliance with FISMA for Fiscal Year 2019</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0208	Determine whether the EPA is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2019 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Act metrics.	Spring 2020
<a href="#"><u>Audit of Salary Overpayment and Debt Forgiveness Process</u></a> 2018, OA-FY18-0084	Determine (1) whether the agency is properly collecting salary overpayments from its employees; (2) whether the agency is properly forgiving debts owed by its employees through its waiver or compromise process; and (2) which activities are causing salary overpayments.	Spring 2020

<a href="#"><u>Oversight of Office of Research and Development Grants to Universities</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0248	Determine whether (1) the Office of Research and Development oversees and monitors grants awarded to universities in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures and (2) university grantees are completing agreed-upon work that meets the defined purpose of the grant.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements: Pesticides Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund (FIFRA)</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0122, OA&E-FY19-0121	Determine whether (1) the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (2) the EPA's internal controls over financial reporting are in place, and (3) EPA management has complied with applicable laws and regulations.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements: Pesticides Registration Fund (PRIA)</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0122, OA&E-FY19-0121	Determine whether (1) the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (2) the EPA's internal controls over financial reporting are in place, and (3) EPA management has complied with applicable laws and regulations.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements: Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0120	Determine whether (1) the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (2) the EPA's internal controls over financial reporting are in place, and (3) EPA management has complied with applicable laws and regulations.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Landfill Emissions</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0273	Determine (1) what federal laws and regulations govern municipal solid waste landfill air emissions, (2) the number of active municipal solid waste landfills that are subject to federal air permitting requirements, (3) how many active municipal solid waste landfills subject to air permitting requirements follow those requirements, and (4) procedures or systems in place to identify municipal solid waste landfills that are potentially subject to federal air permitting and emission requirements but that have not obtained an appropriate air permit.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>People Plus Efficiency and Effectiveness</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0283	Determine whether PeoplePlus, which is an agency timekeeping software system, (1) is efficient and effective for use in the time-and-attendance and cost allocation processes and (2) has effective practices, programs and policies.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Cape Fear North Carolina GenX Contamination</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0348	Determine what actions the EPA took to verify compliance with requirements of the 2009 Toxic Substances Control Act Premanufacture Notice Consent Order with DuPont [now Chemours] to prevent release of the chemical GenX into the Cape Fear River basin.	<b>Spring 2020</b>

<a href="#"><u>Contract Compliance for EPA Contract EPC16001 (Hotline Complaint)</u></a> 2018, OA&E-FY18-0234	Determine whether (1) the EPA's funding actions are allowable and/or pose risks to the agency and (2) invoices are being approved and paid without proper review of costs.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act—EPA Fiscal Year 2019</u></a> 2020, OA&E-FY20-0025	Determine whether the EPA complied with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 and the Improper Payments Elimination of Recovery Improvement Act of 2012. Assess the accuracy and completeness of agency reporting.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Semiannual Report to Congress</u></a>	Determine the progress that the EPA has made over 6-month periods. This congressionally required report summarizes the areas we reviewed over the previous 6-month period, the progress that the EPA has made, and our recommendations to help the agency improve.	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Risk Assessment Process</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0034	Determine whether the EPA follows federal criteria in preparing risk assessments for EPA programs.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Communication of Human Health Risk at Sites in Office of Land and Emergency Management Programs</u></a> 2019 OA&E-FY19-0031	Determine whether the EPA is communicating sampling results or other indicators of human health risk at select sites in Office of Land and Emergency Management programs in a manner that allows impacted communities to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Region 2: Hurricane Response for 2017 Storms</u></a> 2018, OPE-FY18-0005	Determine how the EPA's preparedness and response efforts during the three major hurricanes of 2017 (Harvey, Irma and Maria) protected human health and water resources from storm-related drinking water and surface water contamination. Two reports on Hurricane Harvey have been issued.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Safer Choice Program</u></a> 2019 OA&E-FY19-0324	Identify and assess controls the EPA has in place to verify that the Safer Choice program meets its goals and achieves quality standards through its product qualification, renewal and required audit process.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#"><u>Office of the Chief Financial Officer Contract Award (Hotline Complaint)</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0035	Determine whether (1) EPA Contracts EP-W-18-007 and EP-W-18-008 were properly awarded in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation competition requirements and (2) equipment purchased under EPA Contract EP-W-07-024 was properly purchased under the contract and transferred to current contracts in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements.	<b>Summer 2020</b>

<a href="#"><u>Military Pay-Setting for Reservist Differential and Active Duty Pay</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0286	Determine whether the EPA (1) is following federal laws and regulations and (2) has established controls related to its employees on military leave.	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>CSB Fiscal Year 2020 Management Challenges</u></a> 2020, OA&E-FY20-0031	Determine, as required by the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, the issues that the OIG considers to be the CSB's major management challenges each fiscal year.	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>EPA Fiscal Year 2020 Management Challenges</u></a> 2020, OA&E-FY20-0030	Determine, as required by the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, the issues that the OIG considers to be the EPA's major management challenges each fiscal year.	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>Analysis of EPA Enforcement Results (2006-2018)</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0030	Determine (1) the trends in enforcement results from fiscal years 2006 through 2018 for EPA-led enforcement actions and (2) key factors explaining enforcement result trends over time, as well as the differences in enforcement result trends among EPA regions and environmental statutes.	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>EPAs Use of Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreements and Details</u></a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0271	Determine whether (1) the EPA's use of assignments under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act is in accordance with federal requirements and EPA-established policy and procedures and (2) the assignments achieved their intended results.	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act Follow-up</u></a> 2020, OA&E-FY20-0062	Determine whether the EPA's implementation of a key recommendation in OIG Report No. <a href="#"><u>18-P-0071</u></a> , <i>EPA Has Not Reported to Congress on BEACH Act Progress as Statutorily Required or Fully Documented Budget Decisions</i> , issued January 18, 2018, met the requirements in the BEACH Act. Specifically, the OIG will conduct follow-up work to determine the extent to which the completed corrective action addressed Recommendation 1: "Submit the mandated reports to Congress on progress under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000."	Summer 2020
<a href="#"><u>EPA's Lab Consolidation Efforts at Three of Its Laboratory Facilities</u></a> 2020, OA&E-FY20-0353	Determine whether EPA consolidation efforts at laboratories in Athens, Georgia; Corvallis, Oregon; and Grosse Ile, Michigan, are within cost and on schedule.	Summer 2020

<a href="#">EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Review</a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0340	Determine whether the EPA's reviews of state-proposed NPDES permits verify that the permits adhere to Clean Water Act requirements.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#">EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office's Response to Title VI Air Complaints</a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0357	Determine whether the External Civil Rights Compliance Office has implemented an oversight system to provide reasonable assurance that organizations receiving EPA Clean Air Act funds comply with Title VI requirements.	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<a href="#">Congressional Report: Air Toxics Residual Risk and Technology Review Program</a> 2019, OA&E-FY19-0091	Determine the EPA's residual risk and technology process has sufficiently identified and addressed any elevated cancer risks from air toxics emitted by facilities.	<b>Summer 2020</b>