



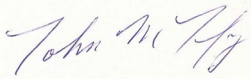
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

February 19, 2020

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Audit:
Office of Air and Radiation's National Center for Radiation Field Operations Preparedness
Project No. OA&E-FY20-0037

FROM: John Trefry, Director, Forensic Audits 
Office of Audit and Evaluation

TO: Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin preliminary research on the National Center for Radiation Field Operations preparedness to respond to radiological emergencies.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether NCRFO has the capability to perform its current roles and responsibilities in preparing for and responding to radiological emergencies. The OIG plans to conduct work at the NCRFO office in Las Vegas, Nevada. We will interview managers and staff regarding their work. We will also review related policies, procedures, guidance documents, and other information used by NCRFO to perform its roles and responsibilities. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our work. The anticipated benefit of this audit is to improve operational efficiency.

We anticipate starting our work in late February. We will contact the Office of Air and Radiation's Audit Follow-Up Coordinator to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the audit. We also would be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have 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.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials 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*.

The project will be supervised by me, and the Project Manager will be Angela Bennett. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-2474 or trefry.john@epa.gov; or Angela Bennett, Project Manager, at (404) 562-9844 or bennett.angela@epa.gov.

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