




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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General Report No. 20-P-0066, *EPA Can Improve Incident Readiness with Better Management of Homeland Security and Emergency Response Equipment*, issued January 3, 2020

**FROM:** Sean W. O'Donnell 

**TO:** Peter C. Wright, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Land and Emergency Management

Thank you for your memorandum dated March 2, 2020, which proposed a corrective action plan for the five recommendations issued in the subject report.

We accept the Agency's planned corrective actions for Recommendations 1, 3, 4, and 5, which meet the intent of our recommendations. You should track implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's corrective actions in the Agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

We do not consider the planned corrective action acceptable for Recommendation 2. As noted in the subject report, we recognize that the Agency Asset Management System has been the EPA's authoritative asset management system since December 2015 and that the EPA issued a memorandum in May 2018 mandating that AAMS be used to track all homeland security and emergency response equipment. However, as also noted in the subject report, the Agency has still been using—even after the May 2018 mandate—other tools along with AAMS to track homeland security and emergency response equipment. In addition, during a January 22, 2020 meeting between the Office of Inspector General and the EPA, the EPA recognized that AAMS currently does not meet the needs of emergency management. Therefore, Recommendation 2 remains unresolved. We request a revised corrective action plan for Recommendation 2 within 30 days of the date of this memorandum.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kathlene Butler, acting assistant inspector general for Audit and Evaluation, at (404) 562-9736 or [butler.kathlene@epa.gov](mailto:butler.kathlene@epa.gov); or Michael Davis, director of the Efficiency Directorate, at (513) 487-2363 or [davis.michaeld@epa.gov](mailto:davis.michaeld@epa.gov).

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