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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for providing your response. In efforts to resolve this recommendation, OCFO has drafted an annual training certification memorandum for all IPERA Grant reviewers to complete prior to participating in the review, to be used beginning in FY 2021. I've attached this form for you review and would be more than happy to discuss further if there are any additional questions. Please let me know if this would meet your offices' intent and resolve the outstanding recommendation.

Regards

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Good Afternoon Mr. Bloom,

Thank you for the memorandum of response on June 26, 2020 regarding OIG Report No. 20-P-0167, *EPA Complied with Improper Payments Legislation, but Internal Controls Need Substantial Improvement to Ensure More Accurate Reporting*, issued May 13, 2020. Attached is our response to OCFO's planned corrective actions. We do not agree that the Agency's planned corrective actions fully address the recommendation, therefore this recommendation remains unresolved. The Agency should follow the dispute resolution process defined in EPA Manual 2750. Additionally, we will reassess the Agency's progress in implementing our recommendation during our fiscal year 2020 improper payments audit.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions,

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