



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 29, 2020

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Planned Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General
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

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell

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TO: David A. Bloom, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Thank you for your email dated August 25, 2020, which outlines the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective action and estimated milestone date for the unresolved recommendation in the subject Office of Inspector General report. As stated in the email, your office plans to have all Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act grant reviewers complete, beginning in fiscal year 2021, an annual training certification memorandum before participating in improper payments reviews.

Based on the information and supporting documentation provided, the planned corrective actions meet the intent of our recommendation, and we consider the recommendation resolved. We will confirm completion of this corrective action during next year's improper payment audit. You should track implementation of this EPA corrective action in the Agency's Management Audit Tracking System until it is completed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for Audit, at trimble.katherine@epa.gov; or Khadija Walker, director of Contracts and Assistance Agreements, at (312) 886-3106 or walker.khadija@epa.gov.

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