



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Dispute Resolution for the Office of Inspector Report No. 20-N-0128 "*Management Alert: Prompt Action Needed to Inform Residents Living Near Ethylene Oxide-Emitting Facilities About Health Concerns and Actions to Address Those Concerns*" dated March 31, 2020

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**TO:** Andrew R. Wheeler  
Administrator

In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Audit Manual 2750, this memorandum is being transmitted to you as the final step in the dispute resolution process. I am requesting your final decision on the following matter to resolve and conclude the audit dispute resolution process between the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Air and Radiation on Recommendation No. 1, within the OIG Report No. 20-N-0128 "*Management Alert: Prompt Action Needed to Inform Residents Living Near Ethylene Oxide-Emitting Facilities About Health Concerns and Actions to Address Those Concerns*", dated March 31, 2020.

As required by audit resolution process outlined in the EPA's Audit Manual 2750, I met with the OIG and the OAR to resolve this dispute. However, the OIG and the OAR could not reach agreement. As such, the next step in the audit dispute resolution process is to raise this dispute to you for decision in this case.

Attached are independent documents submitted by the OIG and the OAR, summarizing their respective positions on the unresolved recommendation. After reviewing each office's position, our office requests your decision below within 30 days of receipt of this memorandum, to closeout this dispute and for the OIG's posting of the final audit report on its website.

In the event you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Jeanne Conklin, Controller, Office of the Controller at [conklin.jeanne@epa.gov](mailto:conklin.jeanne@epa.gov) or (202) 564-5342.

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Concur – OIG position

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Concur – OAR position

  
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