



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

February 4, 2019

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Amended Project Notification:
Communication of Human Health Risks Posed by Sites in the
Office of Land and Emergency Management's Programs
Project No. OA&E-FY19-0031

FROM: Christina Lovingood, Director /s/
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TO: Barry N. Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is revising its objective on the subject assignment. Our original objective was to address whether the EPA is communicating sampling results or other indicators of human health risk at select EPA-led sites in Office of Land and Emergency Management programs in a manner that allows the impacted communities to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances. We learned that for non-EPA-led sites (along with EPA-led sites) the agency may have a role regarding the risk communication of sample results and other indicators. Therefore, our revised project objective will now address whether the EPA is communicating sampling results or other indicators of human health risk at select sites in Office of Land and Emergency Management programs in a manner that allows impacted communities to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances.

The OIG plans to conduct work in the Office of Land and Emergency Management and in EPA regions. Our project will involve the analysis of data and communications at select sites to be determined later. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. Potential returns on investment for this project include recommendations that may result in reduced exposure to harmful contaminants or substances, and enhanced communication with the public.

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 records 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 Jill Trynosky. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov, or Jill Trynosky at (202) 566-2718 or trynosky.jill@epa.gov.

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