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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reissue of Agency-wide Quality System Documents (QA/G-1 and G-8)

FROM:

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TO: Assistant Administrators Regional Administrators

The purpose of this memorandum is to reissue two Agency-wide Quality System documents. Listed below are the two documents, which include the title, directive, review date and description.

- Guidance for Developing Quality Systems for Environmental Programs (QA/G-1)
 - o Publication Number and Date: EPA/240/R-02/008, November 2002
 - Description: Provides guidance to help organizations develop and document the elements of a functional quality system in organizations that carry out environmental data operations within, or on behalf of, EPA.

Guidance on Environmental Data Verification and Data Validation (QA/G-8)

- Publication Number and Date: EPA/240/R-02/004, November 2002
- Description: Provides guidance to help organizations conduct data verification and data validation activities.

The reason for reissuing these documents is to ensure continuity in Quality System implementation as the Agency-wide Quality and Information Council works to revise and issue a new Quality Policy. Implementation through these guidance documents by EPA, our state partners, grantees, and contractors is an essential component of assuring the credibility and reliability of Agency data and information. I appreciate your continued support for the Agency's Quality Program and your commitment to the use and dissemination of sound data and information. If you need additional information please contact Reggie Cheatham, OEI, Director, Quality Staff at (202) 564-7713, <u>cheatham.reggie@epa.gov</u> or Katherine Breidenstine, OEI, Quality Staff at (202) 564-1511, <u>breidenstine.katherine@epa.gov</u>.

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