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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Audit:  
EPA's Adherence to Pesticide Registration Risk Assessment Regulations, Policies and Procedures  
Project No. OA&E-FY20-0095

**FROM:** Jeffrey Harris, Director  
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**TO:** Alexandria Dapolito Dunn, Assistant Administrator  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin fieldwork on the audit regarding EPA's adherence to pesticide registration risk assessment regulations, policies and procedures. Fieldwork will include an expanded sample size for an audit announced previously with the same objective.

The OIG's objective is to audit EPA's adherence to applicable regulations, policies and procedures in assessing risks to human health and the environment in the pesticide registration process. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit. The anticipated benefits of this audit include determining whether the EPA has adequate controls to address human health and environmental risks prior to pesticide product registration.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer your questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

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 materials 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*.

I will supervise the audit and the Project Manager will be Jee Kim. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0831 or harris.jeffrey@epa.gov, or Jee Kim at (202) 566-1429 or kim.jee@epa.gov.

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