



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 22, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Notification:  
Inquiry into Pearl Harbor Drinking Water Contamination  
OSRE-FY22-G-0058

**FROM:** Sean W. O'Donnell, Inspector General

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean W O'Donnell".

**TO:** Martha Guzman, Regional Administrator  
EPA Region 9

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating an inquiry into drinking water contamination reported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This inquiry will include interviews, data gathering, and analysis of issues such as adherence to policies and procedures for underground storage tank leak detection, drinking water quality monitoring, and oil spill reporting. We may contact officials and managers within the regional divisions, as well as across the EPA's offices, programs, laboratories, and work locations.

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. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General*, dated 1994, requires that each EPA employee cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. Administrator Michael S. Regan, in an April 28, 2021 email message to EPA employees, conveyed his "expectation that EPA personnel provide OIG timely access to records or other information" and observed that "full cooperation with the OIG is in the best interest of the public we serve." We will request that you immediately 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*.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at [www.epa.gov/oig](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

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