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EPA Office of Inspector General issues Fiscal Year 2023 Oversight Plan to Guide High-Impact Projects Relating to Programs and Operations

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General today issued its [Fiscal Year 2023 Oversight Plan](#), which describes projects the OIG intends to conduct through September 2023 to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct in EPA and U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board programs and operations.

Seventy-two planned and ongoing projects for the EPA, and six related to the CSB, are outlined in the oversight plan. OIG audits and evaluations are aligned with [top management challenges](#) identified by the OIG to be the most serious management and performance issues facing both organizations. While investigations also are a central part of the OIG’s work, these are typically not made public until completed.

“Oversight is at the core of the EPA OIG’s mission,” said Inspector General Sean O’Donnell. “This plan provides transparency of our planned work for this year as well as context for how audits and evaluations will directly address top management challenges for the EPA and the CSB.”

Among top issues facing the EPA is the ability to manage the more than \$100 billion appropriated through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. For fiscal year 2023, the OIG published a new top management challenge focusing on oversight related to this unprecedented funding. Three of the OIG’s oversight plan projects are specifically dedicated to IIJA oversight, with an additional six projects currently under development.

In addition to issues identified in the top management challenges, in developing the oversight plan, the OIG considered findings, recommendations, and observations from previous OIG and U.S. Government Accountability Office reports; key strategic documents, such as the EPA strategic plan; and congressional hearings, legislation, and feedback.

The Oversight Plan is subject to change as challenges and risks evolve and emerge. Over the course of FY 2023, the OIG may identify new discretionary projects or undertake additional work arising from congressional requests, hotline tips, and unanticipated issues or crises.

Anyone with knowledge of potential waste, fraud, and abuse relating to EPA operations and programs is encouraged to report it to the [OIG Hotline](#) at 1-888-546-8740 or OIG_Hotline@epa.gov.

The OIG is an independent office within the EPA that performs audits, evaluations, and investigations of the EPA and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and their contractors, and prevents and detects fraud, waste and abuse. For more information, visit [our website](#) and follow the OIG on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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