



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Evaluation of EPA's Controls Over Land Application of Sewage Sludge
Project No. OPE-FY17-0019

FROM: Christina Lovingood, Director /s/
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Office of Program Evaluation

TO: Michael H. Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Water

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research on EPA controls over the land application of sewage sludge. Our review will include the Office of Water, as well as other applicable programs and select EPA regional offices. This project is included in our annual plan.

For our objective, we ask the following question:

Does the EPA have and implement controls over the land application of sewage sludge that protect human health and the environment?

Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefits of this project are for the EPA to more effectively implement controls over potential environmental pollutants in sewage sludge, and enhance human health and environmental protection.

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

To ensure the success and timely completion of this project, please provide your input on regions, stakeholders and any experts we should contact during preliminary research.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request your

resolution 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 acting Project Manager will be Jenny Drzewiecki. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-2906 or lovingood.tina@epa.gov, or Jenny Drzewiecki at (312) 886-3126 or drzewiecki.jenny@epa.gov.

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