

Monthly Report on EPA OIG Activities for Recovery Act March 1-31, 2009

Recovery Act Funds Used on Recovery Act Activity - Cumulative

Total Funding Available	Total Obligations	Total Gross Outlays
\$20,000,000	\$8,021	\$48,661

Major Actions Taken to Date with Recovery Act Funds

- Planned and prepared investigative strategy for Recovery Act funds
- Developed educational and outreach materials
- Developed educational and outreach briefing packages
- Formed Fraud Investigative Teams
- Conducted preliminary analysis of EPA spending plans
- Participated in EPA Recovery Act subcommittees
- Coordinated with Department of Justice Antitrust Division
- Established development files to track Recovery Act activities
- Conducted liaison activities with Department of Justice, other OIGs, Federal Bureau of Investigation, etc
- Met with Deputy Associate Administrator for Superfund, Brownfields, and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks
- Received Department of Justice Antitrust Training
- Issued initial plan for oversight of Recovery Act funds
- Made presentation at EPA's National Interagency Agreement Management Training Conference on common findings from audits of EPA grantees
- Assisted Agency in identifying risks and mitigation strategies for stimulus funds
- Became member of EPA's Stimulus Steering Committee and subcommittees
- Met with all offices receiving Recovery Act funds to gain an understanding of how they plan to use the funds

Major Actions Taken to Date with Non-Recovery Act Funds for Recovery Act Activities

- Briefed State Revolving Fund offices in California, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Alaska, and Idaho
- Participated in weekly Agency Sub-Committee on Performance Measurement in advisory and oversight capacity. (Participated in four meetings suggesting that the Agency use a logic model approach to link the application of funds to activities, outputs, and outcomes for clear accountability. Also suggested that risk assessment of potential grantees include a review of grantee prior history from audits and investigations.)
- Conducted a review of Office of Management Budget Draft Implementation Guidance and issued a report suggesting improvements for assessing and reducing risks in considering potential grantees and reporting results
- Designed information systems to accommodate Recovery Act results reporting

Major Actions Planned to Date with Recovery Act Funds

- Refine investigative strategy
- Finalize edit and approval process for educational materials
- Finalize outreach briefing packages
- Complete necessary administrative actions relative to Fraud Investigative Teams
- Conduct training for Fraud Investigative Teams
- Participate in EPA Recovery Act subcommittees
- Develop data collection methodologies for Recovery Act funding
- Incorporate Department of Justice concerns into OIG strategy
- Coordinate investigative strategy with other OIGs and Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Begin briefings to State Revolving Fund staff in top 10 States
- As funding is set, develop mailing lists for educational materials
- Maintain recurring contact with federal, State, and local liaisons
- Conduct investigations relative to Recovery Act funds
- Refine investigative strategy for non-State Revolving Fund Recovery Act funds
- Issue OIG's Agency-wide and program specific oversight plan
- Issue report on open audit recommendations affecting Recovery Act activities
- Brief EPA's program and administrative offices on OIG planned oversight activities
- Attend fraud training to develop methodology for Recovery Act recipient reporting audit
- Prepare suggestion to incorporate into Agency Fiscal Year Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act guidance

Major Actions Planned to Date with Non-Recovery Act Funds for Recovery Act Activities

- Continue participating on Agency Recovery Act Sub-Committee on Performance Measurement

OIG Activities and Accomplishments

Audits/Inspections/Evaluations/Reviews Initiated	1
Audits/Inspections/Evaluations/Reviews Issued	1
Investigations Initiated	0
Investigations Closed	0
Complaints of Whistleblower Reprisal Initiated	0
Complaints of Whistleblower Reprisal Closed	0