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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Corrective Actions Plan for Office of Inspector General Report No. 18-P-0221, *Management Weaknesses Delayed Response to Flint Water Crisis*, Issued July 19, 2018

**FROM:** Charles J. Sheehan, Acting Inspector General <sup>CJS</sup>

**TO:** David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator,  
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Thank you for your November 13, 2018, memorandum that provided a supplemental written response to the subject U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) report.

The OIG issued this report with one unresolved recommendation. Recommendation 1, addressed to the Assistant Administrator for Water and the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, recommended that their offices establish agency controls to annually verify that states are monitoring compliance with all Lead and Copper Rule requirements, including accurately identifying tier 1 sampling sites and maintaining continuous corrosion control treatment.

The Office of Water and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance reached agreement on this recommendation with the OIG on September 28, 2018. To implement this recommendation, the Assistant Administrators for both offices stated in subsequent correspondence to the OIG that the agency will hold a meeting in December 2018 with regional branch chiefs to review and update the protocol used for the fiscal year 2018 annual Public Water System Supervision program reviews. The EPA will amend the protocol as needed to verify that states are implementing Lead and Copper Rule requirements which includes accurately identifying tier 1 sampling sites and maintaining continuous corrosion control treatment. The changes made will be implemented in the fiscal year 2019 and future annual program reviews. The OIG accepts the EPA's planned corrective actions. As a result, all recommendations in this report are resolved.

The OIG will close Recommendation 1 in the OIG tracking system as of the date of this memorandum. You should track implementation of Office of Water and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance corrective actions in the agency's Management Audit Tracking System until all actions are completed.

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