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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Corrective Action Plans for Office of Inspector General Report No. 18-P-0239, *EPA Asserts Statutory Law Enforcement Authority to Protect Its Administrator but Lacks Procedures to Assess Threats and Identity the Proper Level of Protection*, September 4, 2018

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Thank you for your memoranda dated August 29, 2019, and October 4, 2019 on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned corrective actions for Recommendations 1–7, 11 and 12 for Report No. 18-P-0239, *EPA Asserts Statutory Law Enforcement Authority to Protect Its Administrator but Lacks Procedures to Assess Threats and Identity the Proper Level of Protection*, dated September 4, 2018. In addition, other information was provided to us by the Office of General Counsel and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO). The memoranda, combined with the additional information, allowed us to re-evaluate planned and completed corrective actions related to all recommendations.

The subject report included 12 recommendations; corrective actions were completed for Recommendation 1, a resolution was reached with corrective actions pending for Recommendations 2, 9 and 10, and Recommendations 3–8, 11 and 12 were unresolved with resolution efforts in progress. Based on our analysis of your memoranda and additional information provided, corrective actions that met the intent of the recommendation have been completed for Recommendations 1–4 and 8–12.

Recommendations 5–7 remain unresolved. For Recommendation 5, the Office for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance's (OECA) general response does not directly address the specific elements of the Recommendation, and thus we continue to consider this recommendation unresolved with resolution efforts in progress. For Recommendations 6 and 7, despite several meetings between OECA, OCFO and the Office of the Inspector General, we have not reached an agreement that the improperly authorized overtime is an improper payment, as the OIG maintains. We continue to consider this recommendation unresolved with resolution efforts in progress.

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