

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification:

Audit of the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund – Solar for All Program

Project No. OA-FY25-0043

FROM: Gloria Taylor-Upshaw, Director

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Office of Audit

TO: Julie Zavala, Deputy Director

Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of the EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's Solar for All program. This audit is to review and provide information on the Solar for All program and its activities. The project number is OA-FY25-0043.

Our objective is to describe the status of funds, top recipients, and potential risks and impacts of the EPA's Solar for All program within the Office of the Administrator's Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. We plan to conduct work at headquarters and regions, if necessary.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we can discuss any concerns that you may have and answer any questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes the OIG to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete our objectives. Additionally, Administrator Lee Zeldin, in a February 7, 2025 email to EPA employees, said that "the OIG requires information and assistance from EPA managers and staff on a regular basis" and outlined his expectation that EPA employees "report waste, fraud, and abuse to the OIG." He explained that this "responsibility to report appropriate activity to the OIG is one of the most important and successful means the OIG has for identifying and stopping wrongdoing" and that review and oversight enable the Agency to be more effective in achieving its mission. If an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG, we will request that you immediately resolve the situation. Consistent with the Inspector General Act, we may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and to Congress.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epaoig.gov. Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement related to this audit should contact the OIG Hotline at (888) 546-8740 or via an electronic form on the "OIG Hotline" webpage.

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