



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Lessons Identified from Prior Oversight of the EPA's Geographic and National Estuary Programs
Report No. 22-E-0054

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell

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TO: Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator

Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator
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This is our report on the subject evaluation conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General. The project number for this evaluation was [OSRE-FY22-0074](#). This report summarizes findings from prior EPA OIG and U.S. Government Accountability Office reports to help inform the EPA's geographic programs' and National Estuary Program's future efforts to protect regional waters. These future efforts will be funded, at least in part, by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. As the EPA begins to distribute IJA funds to geographic and estuary programs, the Agency can use this information to address historical challenges and better position itself to achieve its programmatic goals and improve its environmental outcomes.

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