



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The EPA Failed to Complete Corrective Actions as Certified to Address
OIG Recommendations
Report No. 22-N-0061

FROM: Sean W. O'Donnell

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TO: Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator

This is our report on the subject review conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General. The project number for this review was [OA-FY22-0072](#). This report highlights several instances where prior OIG recommendations were not implemented, even though the Agency had certified that the corrective actions responding to those recommendations were completed. When the Agency certifies to the completion of corrective actions that have not been completed, it leads to inaccurate data in the Agency's audit tracking system, limits the OIG's assurance that the corrective actions reported by the Agency are reliable, and may give the public and Congress the wrong impression regarding the EPA's progress in addressing OIG recommendations.

You are not required to respond to this report because it contains no recommendations. If you submit a response, however, it will be posted on the OIG's website, along with our memorandum commenting on your response. Your response should be provided as an Adobe PDF file that complies with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The final response should not contain data that you do not want to be released to the public; if your response contains such data, you should identify the data for redaction or removal along with corresponding justification.

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