

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Revised Audit Objective:

Compliance with the Public Notification Requirements Under Section 2106 of the Water

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Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act

Project No. OA-FY23-0034

FROM: Michael D. Davis, Director

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Office of Audit

TO: Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator

Office of Water

This memorandum serves to notify you that we have modified the objective of the subject audit. Our revised objective is to assess the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water's preparation to implement the public notification requirements under section 2106 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation, or WIIN, Act, as incorporated in Safe Drinking Water Act §1414(c)(2) and codified in 42 U.S.C. §300g-3(c).

Our original objective was to determine whether the EPA complied with the public notification requirements under section 2106 of the WIIN Act. However, because of the rulemaking process, WIIN Act notification requirements for routine samples under §1414(c)(2) do not take effect until October 2024. As a result, there are currently no data for us to verify EPA compliance with these requirements. And although WIIN Act notification requirements for nonroutine samples were incorporated in Safe Drinking Water Act §1414(c)(5) and took effect in June 2017, the Agency has identified only eight water systems with nonroutine samples. As a result, we will postpone verification of EPA compliance with these requirements as well.

We will post this memorandum on our public website at www.epa.gov/oig. 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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