

OIG Report to the Office of Management and Budget on the EPA's Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Card Violations

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

January 30, 2025

The Honorable Matthew J. Vaeth
Acting Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Acting Director Vaeth:

The Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-194, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-123, Appendix B, *A Risk Management Framework for Government Charge Card Programs*, direct that the head and inspector general of each executive agency with more than \$10 million in annual purchase card spending submit a joint semiannual report on purchase card violations to the Office of Management and Budget director. In accordance with Appendix B to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123, at a minimum, the report should include a summary of (1) violations involving the misuse of a purchase card that were confirmed after a review by the agency or the inspector general of the agency and (2) all adverse personnel action, punishment, and other action taken in response to each confirmed violation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared the enclosed *Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations* for the semiannual period of April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. The EPA reported no violations for this semiannual period. No information that is inconsistent with the EPA's violation report came to our attention. Additionally, we received no allegations regarding misuse of a purchase card during this semiannual period.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for Audit, at trimble.katherine@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole N. Murley
Acting Inspector General

cc: Gregg Trembl, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, EPA
Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, EPA

SEMI – ANNUAL REPORT ON PURCHASE CHARGE CARD VIOLATIONS
COMPONENT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PURCHASE CARD VIOLATION DATA

I. Summary description of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card or integrated card.	Apr. 1, 2024 – Sep. 30, 2024 FY 2024
a. Abuse ¹	0
b. Fraud ¹	0
c. Other loss, waste, or misuse	0
II. Summary description of all adverse personnel actions, punishment, or other actions taken in response to each reportable violation involving misuse of a purchase or integrated card.²	Apr. 1, 2024 – Sep. 30, 2024 FY 2024
a. Documentation of Counseling	0
b. Demotion	0
c. Reprimand	0
d. Suspension	0
e. Removal	0
f. Other	0
III. Status of all pending violations.	Apr. 1, 2024 – Sep. 30, 2024 FY 2024
a. Number of violations pending investigation	0
b. Number of violations pending hearing	0
c. Number of violations pending final agency action	0
d. Number of violations pending decision on appeal	0

¹Terms used are defined in the [Government Auditing Standards](#).

² This summary is for adverse personnel actions, not for administrative errors.



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