



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
EPA Actions to Address Air Toxics Emissions Through Its Residual Risk and
Technology Review Program
Project No. OA&E-FY19-0091

FROM: James Hatfield, Director /s/
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TO: William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin preliminary research on the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards' actions to address air toxics emissions through its Residual Risk and Technology Review (RTR) program. This project is the result of the OIG's internal planning process.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether the EPA's residual RTR process has sufficiently identified and addressed any elevated cancer risks from air toxics emitted by facilities. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA offices in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, and at other EPA headquarters and regional offices as necessary. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefits of this project involve reducing public health risks in a timely manner.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project. Throughout the project, we will provide updates on a regular basis via email and/or meetings with your designated point of contact.

Prior to scheduling an initial meeting, we are asking the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards to provide us with the following information in electronic form:

- EPA policies, procedures and guidance related to conducting RTRs.
- Program budgets and resource allocation for conducting RTRs for fiscal years 2016 through 2018.

- Information collected and used to conduct RTRs for the following source categories:
 - Group 1 polymers and resins.
 - Synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry.
 - Polyether polyols production.
 - Ethylene oxide sterilization facilities.

Please send the requested information to Renee McGhee-Lenart, Project Manager, at mcghee-lenart.renee@epa.gov.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

Any questions related to the project should be addressed to me at (919) 541-1030 or hatfield.jim@epa.gov, or Renee McGhee-Lenart at (913) 551-7534 or mcghee-lenart.renee@epa.gov.

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