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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Evaluation:
Overdue Residual Risk and Technology Reviews
Project No. OSRE-FY21-0224

FROM: Renee McGhee-Lenart, Acting Director /s/ *Chad Kincheloe* for
Programs, Offices, and Centers Oversight Directorate
Office of Special Review and Evaluation

TO: Joseph Goffman, Acting Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin an evaluation. This evaluation is being initiated to examine overdue residual risk and technology reviews of stationary source categories that emit air toxics. This evaluation is the result of the OIG's internal planning process. This evaluation also addresses the following top management challenge for the Agency, as identified in our EPA's [FYs 2020–2021 Top Management Challenges](#) report, issued July 21, 2020:

- Complying with key internal control requirements (policies and procedures).

The OIG's objective is to evaluate whether the EPA has conducted residual risk and technology reviews in a timely manner, as required for the EPA to revise standards, as needed, to protect the public from air toxics emitted by stationary sources. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA offices in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, and other EPA headquarters offices, as necessary. The evaluation will be conducted using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. The anticipated benefits of this evaluation involve reducing public health risks in a timely manner.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

To expedite our evaluation, please provide us with the following information at or before our entrance conference:

- Program budgets and resource allocations for conducting residual risk and technology reviews for fiscal years 2019–2021.

- Number of full-time equivalents for conducting residual risk and technology reviews.
- Organizational chart of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards offices responsible for conducting residual risk and technology reviews.

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. Similarly, EPA Manual 6500, *Functions and Activities of the Office of Inspector General* (1994), requires that each EPA employee cooperate with and fully disclose information to the OIG. Administrator Michael S. Regan, in an April 28, 2021 email message to EPA employees, conveyed his “expectation that EPA personnel provide OIG timely access to records or other information” and observed that “full cooperation with the OIG is in the best interest of the public we serve.” We will request that you immediately resolve the situation if an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials 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*.

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

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