

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

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

OIG Report Close Out, Report No. 10-P-0229

TO:

Al Armendariz

Region 6 Administrator

We have reviewed your November 24, 2010 final response to our report, *EPA Should Improve Oversight of Long-Term Monitoring at PAB Oil and Chemical Services, Inc., Superfund Site in Louisiana* (Report No. 10-P-0229, September 21, 2010). Region 6 agreed with the OIG recommendations. Your response describes the region's planned or completed actions, and includes actual or estimated completion dates, to address our recommendations.

A summary of the region's proposed and/or completed corrective actions follows:

- Recommendation 2-1 The region will complete an addendum to the 2007 Five-Year Review by March 30, 2011. This addendum will include the revised ground water level maps that use only valid data. When completed, this addendum will establish the valid ground water level and ground water quality records for PAB.
- Recommendation 2-2 On November 16, 2010, the region approved the Operations & Maintenance Plan revised by the PAB Group to address the OIG's concerns about collection of invalid ground water data.

We will close these OIG recommendations in our tracking systems. The region should continue to track completion of corrective actions in the Agency's tracking system (MATS). The region must consult with OIG in advance of modifying any agreed to corrective actions.

We recognize the region's actions to improve management and performance issues at the PAB Superfund site. If you have any questions, please contact Wade Najjum at (202) 566-0827, or Carolyn Copper, at (202) 566-0829.

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