



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

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

February 2, 2011

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Office of Inspector General Evaluation of Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance's Response to Audit Report - *ECHO Data Quality Audit- Phase 2 Results: EPA Could Achieve Data Quality Rate With Additional Improvements*
Report No. 10-P-0230

FROM: Rudolph M. Brevard *Rudolph M. Brevard*
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TO: Gwendolyn Spriggs
Audit Follow-up Coordinator
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Thank you for your office's January 10, 2011 response to the above report. We have closed recommendations 1 and 3 in our audit tracking system based on your response. However, we are unable to close out the complete report without additional information. Please provide additional information for the following recommendations:

Recommendation 2: Please provide a milestone date when OECA would include language requiring the use of the National Exchange Network in the OECA's FY2011 NPM guidance.

Recommendation 4: Please provide what processes OECA will implement to provide reminders to EPA regional offices and State environmental offices to use the standard Form 2040-0004 for data entry. The current plan does not indicate what will be done beyond FY 2011.

Recommendation 5: Please provide the key intermediate action steps and related milestone dates that will take place leading up to OECA publishing the final NPDES Electronic Reporting rule.

Recommendation 6: Please provide more information on when the final organization of ECHO information will be completed. The response indicates that the office agrees with the recommendation and agrees that the information can be organized better.

Recommendation 7: Please specify when the office would document its proposed testing procedure results described in the response. Please also provide the milestone date when the office would implement the proposed new automated testing tool.

In accordance with EPA Manual 2750, the above recommendations will remain open in our audit tracking system until they have been resolved. We ask that you submit a revised action plan by February 11, 2011. If you are unable to provide the information by this date, please let us know the date when your office will provide the requested information.

We look forward to a response to this request and will evaluate any additional information you may provide. Please provide updated information in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Management Audit Tracking System (MATS) as you complete each planned corrective action or revise any corrective actions and/or milestone dates.

Please contact me at (202) 566-0893 or brevard.rudy@epa.gov; or Warren Brooks, Project Manager, at (202) 566-2467 or brooks.warren@epa.gov, should you or your staff have any questions.

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Thank you for your February 14, 2011 revised corrective action plan to the above report. We are encouraged by the many actions your office has planned, initiated, and completed. We have closed the report's recommendations in our tracking system based on this consolidated response. Please provide updated information in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Management Audit Tracking System (MATS) as you complete each planned corrective action or revise any corrective actions and /or milestone dates.

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