

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan for OIG Report No. 12-P-0113,

EPA Must Improve Oversight of State Enforcement, December 9, 2011,

reissued January 30, 2012

TO:

Robert Perciasepe Deputy Administrator

Cynthia Giles

Assistant Administrator

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Your memorandum dated March 12, 2012, included corrective action plans for the recommendations in the subject report. We evaluated those plans, and on June 5, 2012, requested additional information about the planned corrective actions. In August and September 2012, Office of Inspector General (OIG) staff met and obtained additional information from Agency staff on the planned corrective actions.

We have determined that the corrective actions described in your March 2012 memo meet the intent of the OIG recommendations and that those recommendations are resolved. Agency staff should update the Management Audit Tracking System to record progress in completing these recommendations. Please notify my staff if there is a significant change in the agreed-to corrective action plans.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation, at (202) 566-0829 or copper.carolyn@epa.gov, or Dan Engelberg, Director for Water and Enforcement Issues, at (202) 566-0830 or engelberg.dan@epa.gov.

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