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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Region 3's Response to OIG Report No. 12-R-0321, *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Site Visit of the Botanic Garden of Western Pennsylvania*, March 8, 2012

TO: Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator, Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

In response to your letter dated and received on July 6, 2012, outlining the Region's position in connection with the subject report, the region referred to various documents to support its position. To date, the region provided several of the documents mentioned. However, the following documents are still needed in order for us to completely analyze and respond to the region's position:

- All quarterly project status reports sent by PENNVEST to region.
- A copy of the replacement re-mining/reclamation contract for the Botanic Garden.
- A copy of the contract for the completion of Phase 2 of the project.

We appreciate the efforts of your staff to assist us in addressing our request for the additional items needed. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) response to the region's position will be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the final item. Until that time, the response will be coded as incomplete in the OIG tracking system.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Melissa Heist, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-0899 or heist.melissa@epa.gov; or Robert Adachi, Product Line Director, at (415) 947-4537 or adachi.robert@epa.gov.

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