



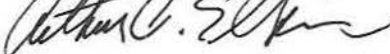
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Agency Response to OIG Report No. 14-2-0316, *Wells Band Council Needs to Improve Its Accounting System to Comply With Federal Regulations*, Issued July 14, 2014

FROM: Arthur A. Elkins Jr. 

TO: Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator
Region 9

Thank you for your December 18, 2014, proposed management decision letter and related documentation responding to the subject report. The corrective actions taken by Region 9 have addressed the audit findings and related recommendations. We appreciate your efforts to resolve long-standing accounting system issues with the Wells Band Council.

In accordance with EPA Manual 2750, we concur with Region 9's proposed management decision, and the issuance of the final management decision to the Wells Band Council. We have closed out this report in the Office of Inspector General tracking system as of the date of this memorandum. Please provide us with a copy of the final management decision for our records.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-1007 or christensen.kevin@epa.gov; or John Trefry, Director, Forensic Audits, at (202) 566-2474 or trefry.john@epa.gov.

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