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## **EPA Office of Inspector General to speak with early complainants about Flint water** *Interviews closed to press and public*

**WASHINGTON** – As part of its ongoing review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s response and oversight regarding drinking water contamination in Flint, Mich., an EPA Office of Inspector General team will meet in Flint on Saturday, April 9, with a sample of residents who submitted complaints about their water to the EPA, the White House or the EPA OIG between April 2014 and October 2015.

The purpose of these invitation-only meetings is to determine how the EPA responded to early requests for assistance. In order to protect the privacy and confidentiality of complainants, interviews will be closed to the media and the general public.

However, because of the high level of interest in all government efforts regarding this crisis, the OIG is communicating its presence in Flint beginning this weekend. It is possible that interviews will continue into next week. The team also hopes to meet with current and former city officials, and other individuals with relevant knowledge, while in the area.

When the EPA OIG completes its program evaluation regarding Flint, a final report will be posted to its website. A memorandum describing the review is available now at <http://go.usa.gov/cPK99>.

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