

# COVID-19/Office of Inspector General Project Notification: Impact on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Programs and Operations



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) issued a May 7th Project Notification Memorandum (“Notification”) titled:

*Research for Future Audits and Evaluations Regarding Effects of Coronavirus Pandemic (SARS-CoV-2 Virus and COVID-19 Disease) on EPA Programs and Operations*

See Project No. OA&E-FY20-0212.

The memorandum is transmitted from Charles J. Sheehan, OIG Deputy Inspector General, to Doug Benevento, EPA Associate Deputy Administrator.

OIG states that the purpose of the project is to research and identify topics for potential audits and evaluations related to EPA’s response to COVID-19. The examination will include an analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on EPA’s:

- Programs and operations
- Regulatory and enforcement missions
- Mandated activities

Measures EPA has taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic will also be reviewed.

Projected research is stated to include data gathering and inquiries into areas such as:

- Personnel management
- Programs and operations
- Regulatory and enforcement missions
- Human capital
- Financial management
- Information technology operations
- Security

A copy of the Notification can be downloaded [here](#).