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# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General Project Notification: Evaluation of Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Emergency Exemptions

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) has issued an August 21st Project Notification titled:

Evaluation of EPA’s Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Section 18 Emergency Exemptions

See Project No. OPE-FY17-0024.

A memorandum from Jeffrey Harris, Director, Toxics, Chemical Management, and Pollution Prevention, Office of Program and Evaluation states that OIG plans to “begin preliminary research on the emergency exemption process used by the EPA’s Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention’s Office of Pesticide Programs. The objective is stated to be the determination of:

. . . whether the EPA has a comprehensive emergency exemption process that maintains environmental and human health safeguards within the Office of Pesticide Program.

OIG states it plans to review the EPA’s assessment, approval, implementation and oversight of emergency exemptions.

[A copy of the August 21st Project Notification can be downloaded here.](#)