



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

July 10, 2020

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Connolly:

In a letter dated June 15, 2020, you requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General review the EPA's plans and procedures for returning employees to federal offices in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Certain aspects of your request will be considered within the scope of a self-initiated OIG evaluation of the EPA's response to the White House's *Guidelines for Opening Up America Again*. Please see the attached project notification memorandum, *Notification of Evaluation: EPA's Strategies to Comply with Federal Guidelines for Reopening Facilities Closed Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic*, Project No. [OA&E-FY20-0241](#), for more details regarding this project, which was initiated on July 1, 2020.

As soon as we complete the report detailing the findings of our evaluation, we will share it with you and your staff. In the meantime, please keep us informed of any additional information that you obtain relevant to this topic.

We appreciate your interest in the work of the EPA OIG. If you have additional questions about this or any other matter, please contact Jennifer Kaplan, deputy assistant inspector general for Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 578-6098.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean W O'Donnell".

Sean W. O'Donnell

cc: The Honorable Jody B. Hice, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Government Operations

Attachment