

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 3, 2018

## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Project Notification:

Response to Congressional Request on Glider Repeal Actions

Project No. OA&E-FY19-0053

FROM: Patrick Gilbride, Director Fature D. Lillade

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Office of Audit and Evaluation

**TO:** William L. Wehrum, Assistant Administrator

Office of Air and Radiation

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to begin a project in response to a congressional request that raised concerns about the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "Repeal of Emission Requirements for Glider Vehicles, Glider Engines and Glider Kits." The OIG will determine whether the EPA acted in compliance with Executive Orders 12866 and 13045 in relation to the development of the proposed rulemaking.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We will answer any of your questions about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the project. In preparation for this project, please provide by December 7, 2018, a list of all EPA employees involved in drafting and editing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

The project will be supervised by me and the Project Manager will be Alli Dutton. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (303) 312-6969 or <a href="mailto:gilbride.patrick@epa.gov">gilbride.patrick@epa.gov</a>, or Alli Dutton at (215) 814-2349 or <a href="mailto:dutton.allison@epa.gov">dutton.allison@epa.gov</a>.

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