What You Can Do

Report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse of EPA funds to the OIG Hotline:

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EPA Office of Inspector General
Office of Audit
Forensic Audit Division

Catalyst for Improving the Environment

Who We Are

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is an independent office within EPA that helps the Agency protect the environment in a more efficient and cost effective manner. The Forensic Audit Division within the OIG Office of Audit was created in June 2008 and conducts financial audits of EPA grants and contracts to:

- identify potentially fraudulent actions;
- determine the acceptability of costs claimed; and
- determine whether agreed-upon work was completed.

We are composed mostly of Certified Public Accountants and Certified Fraud Examiners and are located nationwide.

What We Do

- Continuously monitor all grantee and contractor activities for indications of fraud, waste, or abuse through the use of computer applications, search engines and databases, and other forensic tools
- Conduct on-site audits of grantees and contractors to determine whether Federal funds were spent for their intended use
- Address citizen concerns about potential fraud, waste, or abuse of EPA funds submitted through the OIG Hotline

How We Make an Impact

- Refer potential cases for criminal or civil investigation and prosecution
- Refer auditees for suspension and debarment
- Identify unallowable costs for recovery
- Recommend that questionable EPA contracts and grants be terminated

What We Look For

- Misuse of Federal funds
- False claims
- Federal funds not being used for their intended purpose
- Improper procurement of contracts
- False certifications
- Improper support of costs claimed
- Inadequate financial systems and administrative procedures
- Satisfactory completion of work
- Achievement of intended results

How to Prepare for an Audit

- Collect all related grant or contract records and documentation such as invoices, financial statements, accounting and timekeeping records, project records, and work plans and specifications
- Allocate work space and time for the audit
- Contact us with any questions you may have about the audit or audit process

When an Auditor Arrives

- Provide all prepared and requested records and documentation
- Present a list of key personnel for interviews

Auditors will work according to your business hours, keep you informed, and answer any questions. Results will be reported by the OIG.