

# **OIG Report to the Office of Management and Budget on the EPA's and the CSB's Implementation of Recommendations Related to Purchase and Travel Card Programs**

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**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The Honorable Russell T. Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Vought:

The Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-194, requires inspectors general to conduct periodic audits and assessments of purchase card programs at their agencies. The Act further requires that inspectors general conduct periodic audits or reviews of agency travel card programs with more than \$10 million in spending. With respect to purchase card programs, the Act requires that inspectors general “report to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on the implementation of recommendations made to the head of the executive agency to address findings of any analysis or audit of purchase card ... programs.” With respect to travel card programs, the Act requires that “[t]he findings of [the periodic] audits or reviews along with recommendations to prevent improper use of travel cards shall be reported to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” In addition, Appendix B to Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-123, *A Risk Management Framework for Government Charge Card Programs*, directs inspectors general to report to the director of the Office of Management and Budget on the implementation of recommendations that address audit findings related to purchase and travel card programs. We do this reporting annually.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General conducts periodic audits, assessments, and reviews of the travel and purchase card programs at the EPA and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.<sup>1</sup> In fiscal year 2025, however, we did not perform a purchase or travel card program audit, assessment, or review for the EPA or the CSB. Also, as of the date of this letter, there are no outstanding OIG recommendations related to the EPA or CSB travel and purchase card programs. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for Audit, at [trimble.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:trimble.katherine@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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performing the duties of the Inspector General

cc: Paige Hanson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, EPA  
Katherine Trimble, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, EPA

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<sup>1</sup> According to Pub. L. No. 112-194, the inspector general for each executive agency with more than \$10 million in travel card spending shall conduct periodic audits or reviews of the program, and there is no minimum threshold for periodic purchase card program reviews. We note that the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board does not have more than \$10 million in either purchase card or travel card expenditures on an annual basis.

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