

# OIG Report to the Office of Management and Budget on the EPA's Semiannual Report on Purchase Card Violations

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

January 28, 2026

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. 112-194, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-123, Appendix B, *A Risk Management Framework for Government Charge Card Programs*, directs each head of an executive agency with more than \$10 million in purchase card spending annually, and each inspector general of such an executive agency, to submit to the OMB director, on a semiannual basis, a joint report on purchase card violations. In accordance with the Act, Appendix B states that, at a minimum, the report should include (1) a summary of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card following completion of a review by the agency or by the inspector general of the agency and (2) a summary of all adverse personnel action, punishment, or other action taken based on each violation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared the *Semi-Annual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations* for the period of April 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, which is attached to this letter. The EPA reported no violations for the period. My office received no information that is inconsistent with the EPA's violation report for the reporting period. Additionally, we received no allegations of misuse of the government purchase card for the semiannual period.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for audits, at [trimble.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:trimble.katherine@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Inspector General performing the duties of  
the Inspector General

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

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**EMI - ANNUAL REPORT on PURCHASE CHARGE CARD VIOLATIONS**  
**COMPONENT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

<b>PURCHASE CARD VIOLATION DATA</b>		—
<b>I. Summary description of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card or integrated card.</b>		<b>Apr. 1, 2025 – Sep. 30, 2025 FY 2025</b>
a. Abuse*	0	
b. Fraud*	0	
c. Other loss, waste, or misuse	0	
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<b>II. Summary description of all adverse personnel actions, punishment, or other actions taken in response to each reportable violation involving misuse of a purchase or integrated card.**</b>		<b>Apr. 1, 2025 – Sep. 30, 2025 FY 2025</b>
a. Documentation of Counseling	0	
b. Demotion	0	
c. Reprimand	0	
d. Suspension	0	
e. Removal	0	
f. Other	0	
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<b>III. Status of all pending violations.</b>		<b>Apr. 1, 2025 – Sep. 30, 2025 FY 2025</b>
a. Number of violations pending investigation	0	
b. Number of violations pending hearing	0	
c. Number of violations pending final agency action	0	
d. Number of violations pending decision on appeal	0	
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\*Terms used are defined in the Government Auditing Standards see: <http://www.gao.gov/yellowbook>

\*\*This summary is for adverse personnel actions, not for administrative errors.



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