



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

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

AUG 28 2017

The Honorable Frank Pallone Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Pallone:

Thank you for your July 28, 2017, letter requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Inspector General (OIG) review the adequacy of and adherence to policies and procedures regarding travel by an EPA Administrator. Your letter also requested that the OIG determine whether the EPA controls applicable to such travel are sufficient to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

The OIG will undertake a systemic audit to review those issues. Attached is the OIG's notification memo announcing this audit. In addition to undertaking this review, the OIG will refer your letter—including the specific questions you pose—to EPA ethics officials to determine whether there are any aspects of this matter that they wish to pursue.

We appreciate your interest in the work of the OIG. A similar letter is being sent to Representative DeGette and Representative Tonko. If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please contact Alan Larsen, Counsel to the Inspector General, at (202) 566-2391.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur A. Elkins Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Arthur A. Elkins Jr.

Enclosure