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Ms. Nicole N. Murley
Acting Inspector General
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Inspector General
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2410T)
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Dear Acting Inspector General Murley:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled "From Source to Tap: A Hearing to Examine Challenges and Opportunities for Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Drinking Water."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Palmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Palmer
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Laurel Lee (R-FL)

1. Hillsborough County residents expect that every federal dollar invested in water infrastructure is spent responsibly. Your office identified tens of millions of dollars in unknown or improper payments in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. Can you explain in detail what breakdowns in internal controls led to these findings and what that means for taxpayer accountability?
 - a. And what are some ways that Congress can strengthen oversight of these programs to ensure transparency further on down the road?
2. In your testimony, you state that in 2024, you alerted the EPA to key cybersecurity vulnerabilities at large drinking water facilities serving millions of Americans and that if exploited, these vulnerabilities could degrade functionality, cause loss of service, or facilitate the theft of information. Without endangering operational security, could you go into more detail about the vulnerabilities large drinking water facilities have and how we can help harden them from cyber threats?