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DOJ OIG Releases Report on the Audit of the Superfund Activities in the ENRD for Fiscal Year 2017

Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today the release of a report examining the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) Superfund Activities for Fiscal Year 2017. The DOJ Office of the Inspector General concluded that the ENRD provided an equitable distribution of costs to Superfund cases from FY 2017. The report does not contain any recommendations.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (known as CERCLA or Superfund) established the Superfund program to clean up the nation's worst hazardous waste sites. Within the Department of Justice, the ENRD enforces CERCLA's civil and criminal pollution-control laws. We conducted an audit to determine if the cost allocation process used by the ENRD and its contractor provided an equitable distribution of total labor costs, other direct costs, and indirect costs to Superfund cases from FY 2017. To accomplish this objective, we assessed Superfund case designation, costs distributed to these cases, and the adequacy of the internal controls over the recording of charges to Superfund cases.

Report: Today's report can be found on the OIG's website under "Recent Reports" at the following link: https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2019/a1936.pdf.

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