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DOJ OIG Release Report on Drug Enforcement Administration's Authorized Central Storage Program

Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today the release of a report on the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Authorized Central Storage (ACS) Program, which was designed to address waste cleanups of small-volume methamphetamine laboratories in participating states in a cost-effective manner. Since the program's inception in 2006, the DEA has partnered with 21 states to reduce the disposal cost of such hazardous waste. Recent legislative changes have broadened the scope of the program to include the disposal of the toxic waste from laboratories for other illegal drugs.

The DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) concluded that through the ACS Program, the DEA provided adequate supplies and equipment, training, and continuing support for methamphetamine waste disposal to participating states' law enforcement agencies. The DEA implemented a strategy to expand its scope to support the waste disposal of additional types of drugs, in accordance with the recent change of law.

The OIG recognized DEA's effort in implementing a new strategy with its existing partners, but also recommended that the agency consider expanding the program to include additional geographical areas if feasible. The DEA agreed with the recommendation.

Report: Today's report can be found on the OIG's website at the following link:
<https://oig.justice.gov/reports/audit-drug-enforcement-administrations-authorized-central-storage-program>

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