

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

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

July 22, 2024

The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Young:

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 *Semiannual Report on Purchase Charge Card Violations* for the period of October 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, which is attached to this letter. The EPA reported no violations for the period. No additional information inconsistent with the EPA's violation report for the reporting period came to our attention. Additionally, we received no allegations of misuse of the government purchase card for the semiannual period.

We will post this report to our website at www.epaoig.gov and on www.connect.gov. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Katherine Trimble, assistant inspector general for Audit, at trimble.katherine@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sean W. O'Donnell
Inspector General

cc: Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, EPA
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SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON PURCHASE CHARGE CARD VIOLATIONS
 COMPONENT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PURCHASE CARD VIOLATION DATA

I. Summary description of confirmed violations involving misuse of a purchase card or integrated card.	October 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 FY 2024
a. Abuse ¹	0
b. Fraud ¹	0
c. Other loss, waste, or misuse	0
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.²	October 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 FY 2024
a. Documentation of Counseling	0
b. Demotion	0
c. Reprimand	0
d. Suspension	0
e. Removal	0
f. Other	0
III. Status of all pending violations.	October 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 FY 2024
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

¹Terms used are defined in the [Government Auditing Standards](#).

² This summary is for adverse personnel actions, not for administrative errors.



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