



At a Glance

Catalyst for Improving the Environment

Why We Did This Review

We evaluated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) progress in responding to three recommendations from its 2004 study of the Superfund program (see below). The study recommended that EPA determine if Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) facilities were causing a burden on the Superfund program. We also evaluated EPA's progress in responding to an Office of Inspector General recommendation on RCRA financial assurance.

Background

In April 2004, EPA released a study entitled *Superfund: Building on the Past, Looking to the Future* (the *Study*). It was requested by then Acting Deputy EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson. The final report made 102 recommendations for improving the Superfund program. In response, the Acting Deputy EPA Administrator created a Superfund Board of Directors (the Board). Its role was to prepare, coordinate, and execute action plans to address the report's recommendations.

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www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2007/20070801-2007-P-00029.pdf

Superfund's Board of Directors Needs to Evaluate Actions to Improve the Superfund Program

What We Found

We found that EPA completed its work to determine the financial impact of RCRA-regulated facilities on the Superfund program. The Agency is still assessing the financial impacts of non-RCRA facilities on the Superfund program. EPA also responded to Office of Inspector General recommendations on RCRA financial assurance. However, we found that some of EPA's planned actions to address its *Study* recommendations were different than the actions recommended.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Board review a sample of the implemented *Study* recommendations to confirm that the actions taken were complete and responsive to the original *Study* recommendation(s).