



# At a Glance

*Catalyst for Improving the Environment*

## Why We Did This Review

At the request of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, we conducted this examination to express an opinion on the reported outlays on the Financial Status Reports, and to determine whether the recipient was managing its grants in accordance with applicable requirements.

## Background

EPA awarded two General Assistance Program grants to the recipient totaling \$465,000. These grants were for environmental capacity development.

For further information, contact our Office of Congressional and Public Liaison at (202) 566-2391.

To view the full report, click on the following link:

[www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2005/20050419-2005-4-00056.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2005/20050419-2005-4-00056.pdf)

## ***Wrangell Cooperative Association Reported Outlays Under EPA Grants GA980448-01 and GA970335-01***

### **What We Found**

The recipient did not maintain a labor distribution system as required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87. Consequently, we questioned labor and fringe benefit outlays of \$140,275 and \$59,823, respectively. We also questioned unallowable travel and other outlays of \$3,149 and \$2,744, respectively. Further, we noted that the recipient did not (1) submit timely and accurate performance reports, and (2) draw down EPA grant funds based on immediate cash needs.

### **What We Recommend**

We recommend that EPA recover the Federal share questioned of \$204,059 (the totals of the four amounts mentioned above, minus a \$1,932 offset). We also recommend that if EPA provides any future grants to the recipient, that the recipient (1) establish an adequate labor distribution system, as required by OMB Circular A-87; (2) submit adequate performance reports; and (3) draw down EPA grant funds for immediate cash needs only.