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EPA informational statement for state partners regarding fraudulent EPA Notice of Violation demand letters

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that around the week of June 10, 2024, EPA learned of fraudulent letters, signed by someone impersonating a former EPA official. The letters request payment of \$25,000 within three business days of receipt of the letter.

EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) was notified and any information related to the fraudulent letters should be forwarded to the OIG's office at OIG.Hotline@epa.gov.

EPA staff were told to:

1. **Inform the recipient** that they should not respond to the phone number or email in the letter and that they should absolutely not send a payment; and
2. **Should not make further inquiries** regarding the letter.
3. **Forward the letter** to EPA's Office of Inspector General.

Any media inquiries should be directed to EPA's Office of the Inspector General.