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**From:** May, Benjamin [May.Benjamin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/7/2020 4:33:16 PM  
**To:** Hanger, Eric [Hanger.Eric@epa.gov]; Elbaum, Kentia [elbaum.kentia@epa.gov]; Kaplan, Jennifer [Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Lagda, Jeffrey [Lagda.Jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Inspector general

I believe it is public information already (and there was an announcement made yesterday). I think we can confirm the news, at least.

Ben

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**From:** Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:26 PM  
**To:** May, Benjamin <May.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Elbaum, Kentia <elbaum.kentia@epa.gov>; Kaplan, Jennifer <Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Lagda, Jeffrey <Lagda.Jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Inspector general

Ben – Is this something we can confirm at this point? I would think prudence dictates we would refer to the WH press office to make the announcement.

Eric

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**From:** May, Benjamin <May.Benjamin@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** Elbaum, Kentia <elbaum.kentia@epa.gov>; Kaplan, Jennifer <Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Lagda, Jeffrey <Lagda.Jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Inspector general

Jennifer, Jeff, and Tia-

Another request is coming on this issue (see below). Thanks-

Ben

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**From:** Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** O'Donnell, Sean <ODonnell.Sean@epa.gov>; May, Benjamin <May.Benjamin@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Inspector general

FYI this press request is headed to your press shop.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Woods, Andrea" <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 7, 2020 at 11:53:03 AM EDT  
**To:** "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Gunasekara, Mandy" <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>

Cc: "Schiermeyer, Corry" <[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov](mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov)>, "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject: FW: Inspector general**

Kaitlyn and Mandy –

Flagging this inquiry for both of you. Kaitlyn, can we confirm this? We can also refer her to the OIG's press office if not.

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**From:** Maxine Joselow <[mjoselow@eenews.net](mailto:mjoselow@eenews.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Inspector general

Hello,

I'm currently writing an article based on this story from Inside Defense, which states that EPA inspector general Sean O'Donnell will serve as the acting inspector general at the Defense Department in addition to his current responsibilities at EPA:

<https://insidedefense.com/insider/trump-orders-dod-watchdog-sidelined>

I was hoping someone in EPA's press office could confirm this development and provide any additional information. My deadline is technically noon, but if you get me a comment or statement by around 1:30pm, we can update the story to include it.

Thanks,  
Maxine

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E&E News reporter

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