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CONFLICTING POSITION DESCRIPTIONS LEAVES QUESTIONS FOR THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation today based on a complaint received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency alleging an environmental specialist had exceeded his authority, and acted beyond the scope of his duties.

The investigation found a lack of consistency, clarity, and uniformity of the duties in position descriptions for employees holding the same job title. The inspector general asked the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to complete an internal investigation into the conduct of the environmental specialist, and to resolve the disparity of the duties in position descriptions for employees having the same job title.

Issues were also noted involving the content, delivery, and tracking of training for environmental specialists, and that certain agency policies had not been revised for more than 20 years.

The inspector general asked the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to respond to the recommendations contained in the report within 60 days.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation File Number 2015-CA00020 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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