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Four days after the President submitted the February 5, 2007 budget request, Roderick informed OIG employees that it was "very likely" that the EPA would shut down facilities and reduce the workforce. On March 15, he opened buyout offers to OIG employees which would require employees to leave the Agency as soon as April 30, 2007.

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