

Department of Energy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT, BUDGET

AND EVALUATION/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

FROM: William S. Maharay

Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services

Office of Inspector General

SUBJECT: Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Audit Report Audit Report

Audit Report No.: OAS-L-04-06

We reviewed selected aspects of the Department of Energy's implementation of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) of 1982. The objective of FMFIA, and the Department's Management Control Program, is to ensure that controls are working effectively and that program and administrative functions are performed in an economic and efficient manner consistent with applicable laws.

During the past year, the Department has undertaken an aggressive campaign to mitigate issues described in our Special Report on Management Challenges at the Department of Energy (DOE/IG-0580, December 2002). This initiative, which has been personally led by the Deputy Secretary, seeks to improve the Department's ability to correct or respond to the underlying causes for significant issues identified through audit findings. These efforts, if ultimately successful, should enhance the Department's ability to correct problems and ultimately strengthen its overall management control structure. Our most recent Special Report on Management Challenges at the Department of Energy (DOE/IG-0626, November 2003), details progress made and describes issues that we consider the most significant management and performance challenges facing the Department.

Our review was conducted to assist management in determining whether Departmental elements appropriately disclosed previously detected waste or other problems and whether the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 evaluation of management controls was carried out in a reasonable and prudent manner. The attachment to this report details the scope and methodology used to conduct our audit.

RESULTS OF AUDIT

Based on our limited review, we determined that program elements generally conformed with requirements of the Department's management control program. However, our review identified several procedural problems regarding submission of assurance memoranda. As in previous years, a number of Headquarters and field assurance memoranda were not submitted on time. The lack of timely reporting could affect the Secretary's ability to report the status of the Department's management control program to the President and to Congress.

In making our assessment relating to these and other matters, we coordinated closely with the Office of Program Liaison and Financial Analysis. We appreciate the cooperation of the various Departmental elements that provided information or assistance.

Attachment

cc: Chief of Staff

Director, Policy and Internal Controls Management, NA-66

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

The Department's evaluation of its control systems was examined for compliance with the FMFIA, the General Accounting Office's "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government," Office of Management and Budget Circulars A-123 and A-127, and Department of Energy Order 413.1A, "Management Control Program." The results of the Department's evaluation of control systems will be included in the Performance and Accountability Report to be published on December 15, 2003. This report provides critical financial and program performance information in a single report as authorized by the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 and addresses a number of significant issues faced by the Department.

Our review was made in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards, which included tests of internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objective. Because our review was limited, it would not necessarily have disclosed all internal control deficiencies that may have existed at the time of our audit. We assessed the Draft Performance and Accountability Report, as it relates to FMFIA along with supporting documentation filed by selected Departmental organizations, to determine whether the results of their evaluations were accurately reported. Also, we performed work to determine whether the Department developed corrective action plans for reportable problems identified during its FY 2003 FMFIA reporting process.

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REPLY TO

IG-34 (A03FN010) ATTN OF:

SUBJECT:

Final Report Package for Audit of "Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act"

Audit Report Number: OAS-L-04-06

Frederick D. Doggett, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services

Attached is the required final report package on the subject audit. The pertinent details are:

1. Actual Staff days:

52.5

Actual Elapsed days:

114

2. Names of OIG and/or contractor audit staff:

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Henry Minner

December 4, 2002

Rickey R. Hass, Director Science, Energy, Technology, and Financial Audits Office of Audit Services

Office of Inspector General

Attachments:

- 1. Final Report
- 2. Monetary Impact Report
- 3. Audit Project Summary Report
- 4. Audit Database Information Sheet

MONETARY IMPACT OF REPORT NO.: OAS-L-04-06

1. T	Title of Audit:	"Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act"					
2. D	Division:	Science, Energy, Technology and Financial Audits					
3. P	Project No.:	A03FN010					
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ASSURANCE MEMORANDUM

AUDIT DATABASE INFORMATION SHEET

- 1. Project No.: A03FN010
- 2. Title of Audit: Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act
- 3. Report No./Date: OAS-L-04-06/December 5, 2003
- 4. Management Challenge Area: No specific area applies to all.
- 5. Presidential Mgmt Initiative: No specific initiative applies to all.
- 6. Secretary Priority/Initiative: No specific priority/initiative applies to all.
- 7. Program Code: CR
- 8. Location/Sites: No specific location/site applies to all.
- 9. Finding Summary: No findings.

10. Keywords: Financial

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Internal Control Action Plan

Assurance Memorandum