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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Subject: Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Energy

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE OIG) in effect for the period May 1, 2010, through April 30, 2011. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Quality Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with the DOE OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. We conducted our review at the headquarters office in Washington, D.C., and the field offices in Oakridge, Tennessee, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Additionally, we sampled 30 case files for investigations closed during the period under review.

In performing our review, we considered Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, which authorizes law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of presidentially appointed inspectors general. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Inspector General Act, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the DOE OIG in effect for the period ending April 30, 2011, is in compliance with the quality standards established by CIGIE and the applicable Attorney General guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution, and reporting of its investigations.

Please thank your staff for their cooperation and professionalism during this review. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 566-0308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.

Attachments

cc: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General  
Carl W. Hoecker, Chair, Investigations Committee, CIGIE