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Memorandum

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To: Jennifer Quinones  
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U.S. Department of Energy

From: Kimberly E. McGovern *Kimberly E. McGovern*  
Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Subject: Final Peer Review Report – *External Peer Review of the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General’s Inspections*  
Report No. 2019-HQ-060

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in the *CIGIE Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. The peer review was conducted from August 27, 2019, through April 7, 2020.

The CIGIE External Peer Review Team assessed the extent to which the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General (DOE OIG), met seven *CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book)*, January 2012, standards. We specifically reviewed the following standards: quality control, planning, data collection and analysis, evidence, records maintenance, reporting, and follow-up. This assessment included a review of the DOE OIG’s Office of Audits and Inspections internal policies and procedures manual titled *Inspections Operations Manual*, Release 1.0 – October 2013, and other related documents implementing the seven reviewed *Blue Book* standards to determine whether they contained guidance that addressed each standard. It also included a review of four selected inspection reports issued between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019, to determine whether the reports met the reviewed *Blue Book* standards and complied with the DOE OIG’s internal policies and procedures.

The review team determined that the DOE OIG’s policies and procedures addressed all seven of the *Blue Book* standards. Of the four reports reviewed, all four generally met the *Blue Book* standards.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the report, please feel free to contact me at 202-208-5745.



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Washington, DC 20585

March 19, 2020

Mr. Mark L. Greenblatt  
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Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Mr. Greenblatt:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the subject report. We are pleased that the policies and procedures for our inspections organization addressed all seven of the *Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* and our reports reviewed generally met these standards. Therefore, we have no specific comments to offer relating to the report. We appreciated the professionalism and diligent work of the team conducting the engagement. If you have questions relating to our response, you may contact me at (202) 586-0034; John E. Dupuy, Deputy Inspector General at (202) 586-2730; Jennifer L. Quinones, Assistant Inspector General for Audits at (202) 586-6168 or Deborah M. Thomas, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, Intelligence Oversight, and Special Projects at (509) 373-9959.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teri L. Donaldson".

Teri L. Donaldson  
Inspector General

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Jennifer L. Quinones, Assistant Inspector General for Audits  
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