



Office of Inspector General

August 25, 2020

Transmittal Memorandum

Mr. Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of Inspector General
4330 East-West Highway, Suite 702
Bethesda, MD 20814

SUBJECT: Transmittal Memorandum

Attached is the final report of the Modified I&E Peer Review Report of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. We conducted the review in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General (September 2019). Your full response to the draft report is included as Enclosure 2.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesies extended to our staff during the review.

Sincerely,

Nick Novak

Nick Novak
Acting Inspector General



Office of Inspector General

August 25, 2020

From: Nick Novak
Acting Inspector General
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
1200 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

To: Mr. Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of Inspector General
4330 East-West Highway, Suite 702
Bethesda, MD 20814

SUBJECT: Modified External Peer Review Report

Dear Mr. Dentel:

This required modified 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 January 1, 2020 through August 25, 2020.

The CIGIE External Peer Review Team assessed the extent to which the Consumer Product Safety Commission met seven Blue Book standards, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collections and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Follow-up. This assessment included a review of the Consumer Product Safety Commission OIG's internal policies and procedures - i.e. Review Manual (December 31, 2019) - implementing the seven required CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book), January 2012.

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The Review Team determined that the Consumer Product Safety Commission OIG's policies and procedures generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review.

We have issued a Letter of Comment, Scope and Methodology (Enclosure 1) that sets forth specific changes to the scope and methodology as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Nick Novak

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Acting Inspector General

ENCLOSURE 1: Letter of Comment, Scope and Methodology

After the outbreak of the COVID virus and implementation of social distancing protocols, it became unrealistic to conduct an onsite peer review of the Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of Inspector General. Given security considerations, this also made it impractical to review any reports. As a result, and with approval from CIGIE's I&E Peer Review Working Group, the peer review was converted to a modified format and the report deadline extended to August 31, 2020.

ENCLOSURE 2: Reviewed Organization Comments to Draft Report



Office of Inspector General
U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

August 18, 2020

TO: Nicholas J. Novak, Acting Inspector General
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

FROM: Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General

SUBJECT: Response to Formal Draft Report

I am in receipt of your draft Modified External Peer Review Report, done in accordance with Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (September 2019). Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft results of your modified peer review. We are pleased that the review has confirmed that our policies and procedures met the seven standards from the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations* (Blue Book): quality control, planning, data collection and analysis, evidence, records maintenance, reporting, and follow-up.

We concur with the peer review team's work and appreciate the professionalism and flexibility your team displayed during the review.