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March 10, 2023

Mr. Christopher W. Dentel
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Dear Mr. Dentel:

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, December 2021*. The peer review was conducted from October 1, 2022, through March 1, 2023.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Architect of the Capitol (AOC), through limited scope peer review, assessed the extent to which the OIG, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC OIG) complied with the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, December 2020* (Blue Book), specifically: Quality Control. This assessment included a review of the CPSC OIG's internal policies and procedures (*Policy on Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) Work*, dated September 27, 2021, and CPSC OIG's Audit Manual- Chapter 7- Contractor Review Monitoring, dated September 29, 2021) implementing just one of the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, December 2020*. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between May 4, 2022, and July 22, 2022, to determine whether the reports complied with the limited scope of covered Blue Book standards (i.e., Quality Control) and the CPSC OIG's internal policies and procedures.

Overall Conclusion

The reviewing OIG determined that the CPSC OIG's policies and procedures generally complied and were consistent with Standard 7 - Quality Control of the Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Each of the reports reviewed complied with Standard 7- Quality Control covered in the Blue Book standards.

We have issued a Letter of Comment dated March 10, 2023, that describes findings that were not considered to sufficiently impact compliance with a covered Blue Book standard.

Enclosure 2: Reviewed Organization Comments to Draft Peer Review Report

Sincerely,



Christopher P. Failla, CIG
Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol

Enclosure

Enclosure 1: Scope and Methodology

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) selected the following two reports for review. These reports were reviewed because they were the two most recently issued reports and therefore most reflective of the current status of the inspection and evaluation unit activities.

1. *Report on the Evaluation of the CPSC's Compliance with the PIIA for FY 2021 (22-A-05), dated May 04, 2022.*
2. *Evaluation of the CPSC's FISMA Implementation for FY 2022 (22-A-06), dated July 22, 2022.*

The AOC OIG conducted all aspects of the peer review remotely, communicating with the CPSC OIG staff by email and videoconferencing. All files required for the peer review were electronic and accessed using a secure means for CPSC OIG to upload files and for AOC OIG to access the files.

Enclosure 2: Reviewed Organization Comments to Draft Peer Review Report



March 3, 2023

Dear Mr. Failla:

We appreciate the work conducted by your staff in reviewing the Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of Inspector General's compliance with the Quality Control Standards of the Blue Book. We agree with your determination that our policies and procedures generally complied with and were consistent with Blue Book standards for Quality Control.

We have no additional comments on the draft System Review draft report provided. Thank you for your efforts in completing this review.

Sincerely,

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