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Inspector General

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The Honorable Richard W. Moore
Inspector General
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 West Summit Hill Drive, ET4C-K
Knoxville, TN 37902-1401

Subject: *Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of the Inspector General for the Tennessee Valley Authority*

Dear Mr. Moore:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operation of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Office of the Inspector General (TVA/OIG), in effect for a year ending August 1, 2010. Our review was conducted in conformity with both the *Quality Standards for Investigations* (December 2003) and the *Quality Assessment Review Guidelines for Federal Offices of Inspector General* (May 2009) established by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), as well as the *Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* (December 2003).

The review was conducted at the TVA/OIG headquarters office in Knoxville, Tennessee and the Chattanooga, Tennessee satellite location. We reviewed compliance with TVA/OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered it appropriate. We interviewed operational and management personnel. Additionally, we sampled 36 case files for investigations closed between August 1, 2009 and August 1, 2010.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the requirements of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize 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 Attorney General. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, 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 TVA/OIG in effect for the year ending August 1, 2010, is in compliance with the *Quality Standards for Investigations* and the *Attorney General Guidelines*. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the conduct of investigations.

Thank you for your comments dated November 30, 2010, regarding our Draft Report issued November 8, 2010. Your comments have been incorporated as Attachment 3 to this Final Report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at 202-606-1200, or someone from your staff may contact Jill P. Maroney, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations-Special Investigations, at 202-606-1141.

Attachments

Sincerely,


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Inspector General