UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Inspector General
Washington, D.C. 20230

November 22, 2013

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

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

Dear Mr. Moore,

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Tennessee Valley Authority in effect for the period ended April 30, 2013. 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, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with the TVA/OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Knoxville, Tennessee, with phone interviews conducted at two satellite/field locations. Additionally, we sampled 30 case files for investigations closed during the previous 12-month period.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, (IG Act) 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 IG 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 Office of Inspector General for the Tennessee Valley Authority in effect for the year ended April 30, 2013, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the 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.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the entire TVA/OIG staff for their accommodating assistance throughout this peer review.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 202-482-4661.

Sincerely,

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