



## External Peer Review Report

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This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) 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 March 9, 2020, through May 28, 2020.

The CIGIE External Peer Review Team (Review Team), comprised of the Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Department of Defense OIG, and the U.S. Department of Labor OIG, assessed the extent to which the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) OIG met 7 standards from the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, January 2012 (Blue Book), specifically:

- Quality Control;
- Planning;
- Data Collection and Analysis;
- Evidence;
- Records Maintenance;
- Reporting; and
- Follow-up.

This assessment included a review of the TVA OIG's internal policies and procedures according to its own *Evaluations Manual*, dated October 25, 2019, on implementing the 7 required Blue Book standards. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, to

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<sup>1</sup> Since TVA OIG's *Evaluations Manual* was updated and published during the peer review period, we took additional steps to determine if using the October 25, 2019 *Evaluations Manual* for our peer review was appropriate. We reviewed the October 25, 2019 *Evaluations Manual* and noted TVA OIG listed all revisions from May 2017 through October 2019. We then obtained prior versions of the *Evaluations Manual* effective during the peer review period, and we verified all revisions were included in the October 25, 2019 *Evaluations Manual*. Therefore, we determined using the October 25, 2019 *Evaluations Manual* for this peer review was appropriate.

determine whether the reports complied with the applicable Blue Book standards and TVA OIG's internal policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that the TVA OIG's internal policies and procedures generally met the 7 Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Of the 3 reports reviewed, all met the Blue Book standards and complied with TVA OIG's internal policies and procedures.

We have issued a separate Letter of Comment that sets forth specific findings, observations, and suggestions identified during the peer review. The TVA OIG provided a response to our letter and agreed with the results of our review. The full TVA OIG response is enclosed with the Letter of Comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Dahl".

Scott S. Dahl  
Inspector General