



Office of Inspector General

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The Honorable Hubert R. Bell
Inspector General
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Bell:

I am in receipt of the final report from your office regarding the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the United States Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General, and am pleased to see that the review team found our office to be in compliance with the quality standards established by the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and the Attorney General's Guidelines.

While we agree with the suggestions in the Observations Letter included in your report, as we were not provided a draft to which to respond, I would like to take this opportunity to submit the following comments regarding the three areas of suggested improvement contained in the final report.

1. Ensure that Law Enforcement or Investigations-Related Accountable Property such as Specialized Technical/monitoring Equipment is Periodically Inventoried and Accounted for.

It is recommended that the USAID OIG CIM [Criminal Investigator's Manual] be updated to include language that specifically states the inventory report due by October 15th is for the fiscal year ending two weeks earlier on September 30th.

It is also recommended that a sample of the required inventory report be appended to this chapter, and section of the CIM, to guide each field unit on what their respective report should look like when submitted.

USAID OIG is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the CIM. The updated CIM will reflect the due date, period of coverage, and sample inventory report specified in

the above suggestion. USAID OIG anticipates that these updates to the CIM will be completed by April 2015.

2. Bloodborne Pathogens Training

It is recommended that USAID OIG conduct bloodborne pathogens training on an annual basis in compliance with OSHA requirements and USAID OIG CIM.

As we discussed with the QAR team, USAID OIG typically provides bloodborne pathogens training during its annual Special Agent In-Service training. In 2013, this annual training event was rescheduled due to the shutdown of the Federal Government, and ultimately took place in May 2014. Bloodborne pathogens training was provided as part of the May 2014 training program. USAID OIG will continue to provide the required bloodborne pathogens training during its annual In-Service training. In the event that the training cannot be held as planned, OIG will provide bloodborne pathogens training electronically to those members of our staff who require the training.

3. U.S. Agency for International Development, Criminal Investigations Manual

It is recommended that a thorough review of the [sic] all chapters of the CIM is conducted and revisions be made to update obsolete positions, practices, and procedures.

Prior to the QAR, USAID OIG was in the process of reviewing and updating the CIM. To date, approximately 40 percent of the manual has been reviewed and updated as needed, and is awaiting final approval prior to issuance. OIG has established a timetable for reviewing, updating, and approving the remainder of the CIM. USAID OIG anticipates that this work will be completed by April 2015.

Thank you for your efforts to promote the quality of investigative operations within the inspector general community. We appreciate the work of your staff in conducting this review and share your commitment to maintaining quality standards in the execution of our law enforcement functions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Carroll
Acting Inspector General