



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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The Honorable Glenn A. Fine  
Acting Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Defense  
4800 Mark Center Drive  
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Dear Mr. Fine:

Two peer reviews were conducted, at your request, in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (January 2017). The onsite visits for these reviews were conducted from October 2 through November 17, 2017.

The External Peer Review Team (Team) conducted a primary review (OEI-04-18-00100) of the extent to which the Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) components of the Department of Defense's Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) adhered to seven standards described in CIGIE's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book), specifically: Quality Control, Planning, Data Collection and Analysis, Evidence, Records Maintenance, Reporting, and Followup. A supplemental review (OEI-04-18-00101) focused on two additional Blue Book standards: Timeliness and Independence.

The Team determined that the DoD OIG I&E components' policies and procedures generally met the Blue Book standards addressed in these peer reviews. In addition, the ten reports reviewed for these peer reviews generally met the applicable Blue Book standards.

The draft reports, issued August 20, 2018, set forth specific findings, recommendations, and observations identified during the reviews. DoD OIG management officials provided a response to our draft reports in which they agreed with our two recommendations.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Levinson  
Inspector General

Enclosures