



NEWSLETTER



Monthly Snapshot



Issued **9**
oversight
products



Made **37**
recommendations
to the DoD



Executed **15**
law enforcement
actions



Received **2,211**
contacts to the
DoD Hotline

OVERSIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

This newsletter summarizes the oversight activities of the DoD Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the previous month. Below is a highlight from March.

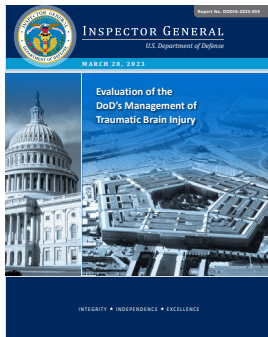
- **HFAC Hearing.** On March 29, DoD Inspector General (IG) Robert Storch provided testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC) for a hearing on oversight over U.S. assistance to Ukraine. In his testimony, and in his answers to questions from the members of the committee, IG Storch highlighted the coordination between the DoD OIG and the Department of State (State) and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) OIGs through the Ukraine Oversight Interagency Working Group; the significant number of planned, ongoing, and completed projects related to Ukraine oversight; and the DoD OIG's focus on conducting agile oversight of the DoD's response to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

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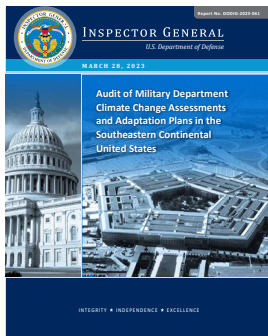
Joint Oversight of the Ukraine Response

This report, which builds on the January 2023 Joint Strategic Oversight Plan for Ukraine Response, fulfills the DoD OIG's reporting requirement under Section 1247 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023, and State and USAID OIGs' reporting requirement under Section 1707 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. This report describes the DoD, State, and USAID OIGs' joint approach and outlines completed, ongoing, and planned oversight related to Ukraine response efforts.



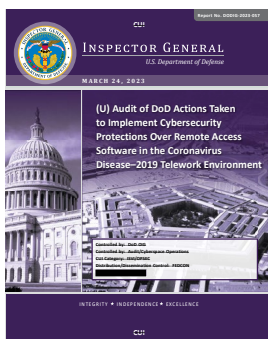
Evaluation of the DoD's Management of Traumatic Brain Injury

This evaluation determined that the DoD did not consistently implement policies and procedures to determine the care needed for Service members who experienced a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Specifically, the Military Health System providers did not consistently identify and assess patients with TBIs; the DoD did not implement consistent processes for the management of TBI care; and the DoD did not implement consistent processes for the disposition of care, including return to duty status for patients diagnosed with a TBI.



Audit of Military Department Climate Change Assessments and Adaptation Plans in the Southeastern Continental United States

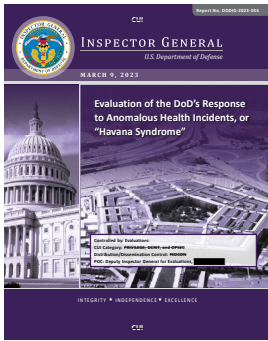
This audit determined that the Military Departments did not consistently develop the climate resilience assessments required by Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 2-100-01 and the FY 2020 NDAA at the five installations we reviewed. The Military Departments did not update their guidance to identify the seven required elements from the FY 2020 NDAA or require assessments to use specific climate hazards established in the UFC 2-100-01, although personnel at three installations we visited were proactive in identifying projects intended to enhance installation climate resilience.



Audit of DoD Actions Taken to Implement Cybersecurity Protections Over Remote Access Software in the Coronavirus Disease-2019 Telework Environment

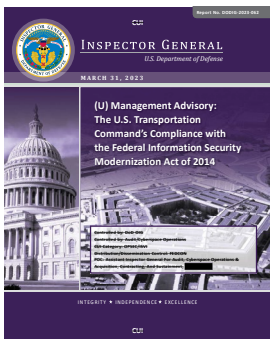
This audit determined that network and system administrators for 7 of the 10 DoD Components that we assessed did not always implement critical configuration settings and cybersecurity controls to reduce the risk of exposing DoD networks and systems to potential malicious activity.

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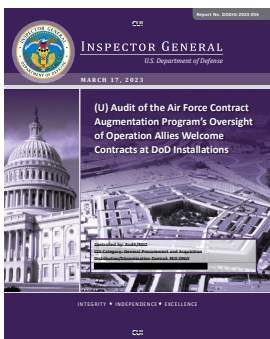
Evaluation of the DoD's Response to Anomalous Health Incidents, or "Havana Syndrome"

This evaluation determined that the DoD improved its Anomalous Health Incidents (AHI) coordination through reorganizing its central AHI response team and increasing the number of personnel allocated to that team. However, the DoD can still improve the integration of its response, the timeliness of access to the Military Health System for U.S. Government civilians, and the consistency of the classification of AHI-related information.



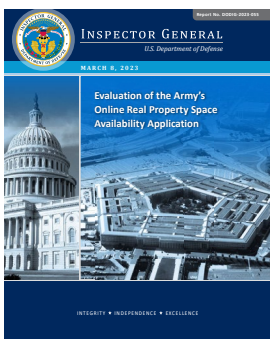
Management Advisory: The U.S. Transportation Command's Compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014

This advisory determined that although the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) had policies and procedures in place for the five metrics we reviewed, it did not consistently implement the policies and procedures for three of the five metrics. Specifically, USTRANSCOM officials did not track and monitor the mitigation of system security weaknesses identified in plans of action and milestones within established timeframes, report all required privacy-related breaches, or require that personnel take privacy awareness training annually, including role-based training.



Audit of the Air Force Contract Augmentation Program's Oversight of Operation Allies Welcome Contracts at DoD Installations

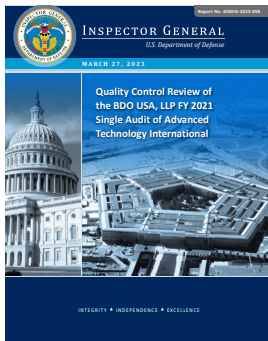
This audit determined that Air Force contracting personnel executed contract administration procedures for medical, dining, and facility supplies and services supporting the relocation of Afghan evacuees in accordance with federal and DoD policies. In addition, Air Force personnel performed effective oversight to ensure that invoices included reasonable costs.



Evaluation of the Army's Online Real Property Space Availability Application

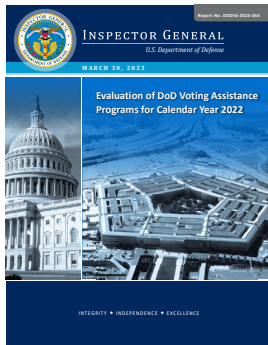
The evaluation determined that Army officials made progress establishing the online Real Property Space Availability (RPSA) application in accordance with section 2866 of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. Specifically, Army officials developed a proof of concept for the pilot program that included milestones for the implementation of the online RPSA application, selected 10 installations to evaluate the online RPSA application, and consulted officials from the General Services Administration and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment) before developing the RPSA application.

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Quality Control Review of the BDO USA, LLP FY 2021 Single Audit of Advanced Technology International

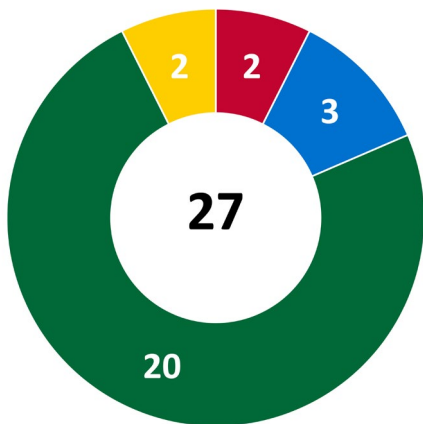
This quality control review determined that BDO USA, LLP complied with generally accepted government auditing standards and Uniform Guidance requirements when it performed the FY 2021 single audit of Advanced Technology International.



Evaluation of DoD Voting Assistance Programs for Calendar Year 2022

This evaluation determined that the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Office provided effective outreach and assistance to eligible voters covered by Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and their family members, as well as stakeholder agencies. The FVAP Office coordinated with the Services, election officials, eligible voters, and Congress to promote awareness of the right to vote and the resources to exercise that right.

UKRAINE-RELATED OVERSIGHT.....



The DoD OIG continues to prioritize Ukraine-related oversight. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the DoD OIG produced the following related to Ukraine:

- 2 reports
- 3 management advisories
- 20 ongoing projects
- 2 planned projects

Get the latest on our planned, ongoing, and completed work related to Ukraine and our ongoing coordination with the State and USAID OIGs at www.dodig.mil/Ukraine.

INVESTIGATIONS.....

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) investigates criminal matters related to DoD programs and operations. Below are examples of cases DCIS investigated jointly with its federal law enforcement partners. Indictments, Criminal Informations, and Complaints are only allegations. *All persons charged are presumed to be innocent unless and until found guilty in court.*



Former Florida Resident Charged in \$101 Million Health Care Kickback Scheme

On March 23, 2023, Raheel Naviwala was charged by complaint with conspiracy to violate the federal Anti-Kickback Statute for his role in a \$101 million durable medical equipment kickback scheme. According to the complaint, Naviwala and his conspirators owned and operated multiple call centers through which they obtained doctors' orders for durable medical equipment (DME) for TRICARE and Medicare beneficiaries. The complaint alleges that Naviwala and his conspirators provided these orders in exchange for bribes from certain companies that provided the equipment to TRICARE and Medicare beneficiaries.

Maryland Resident Sentenced to Over Five Years in Federal Prison for Illegally Transporting Firearms with Obliterated Serial Numbers and Smuggling Firearms to Nigeria

On March 21, 2023, Eric Fru Nji was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison, followed by 2 years of supervised release, for conspiracy, transporting firearms with obliterated serial numbers, and smuggling firearms and ammunition from the United States to Nigeria. Additionally, Nji was ordered to pay a fine of \$25,000.

Former Director of Operations for O.C. Pharmacy Sentenced to 9½ Years in Prison for Defrauding the U.S. Military's Health Care Plan

On March 20, 2023, Marcus Orlando Armstrong was sentenced to 114 months in federal prison and 2 years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$3,070,091 in restitution for his role in a scheme in which he paid kickbacks for prescriptions for compounded medications fraud that cost TRICARE more than \$3 million in losses. According to the guilty plea, Armstrong agreed to pay kickbacks to a physician in exchange for compound medications that TRICARE reimbursed.

Former President of International Aircraft Parts Distributor Sentenced to 84 Months in Prison for Role in Multi-Million Dollar Fraud Scheme

On March 9, 2023, Stefan Gillier was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release for his role in a conspiracy to fraudulently obtain over \$6 million worth of aircraft parts. As the president of RTF International Inc., a broker of aircraft parts, Gillier was able to obtain over \$6 million worth of aircraft parts from Honeywell International Inc. without paying for the parts. Additionally, Gillier obtained aircraft parts from Pratt and Whitney Solutions, Inc., and stopped payments on checks he wrote to the company after it delivered the parts.

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS.....

We list project announcements in chronological order. An asterisk denotes a project related to Ukraine oversight.

Evaluation of Medical Care Provided to Navy Sea, Air, and Land Trainees

The objective of this evaluation is to conduct a comprehensive review of the health care provided to individuals undergoing Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) training. We will determine whether the Navy provided proper training to DoD medical professionals who provide medical care to Service member trainees enrolled in Navy SEAL training programs, the quality assurance mechanisms in place with respect to such care, and the efforts to mitigate health stress of individuals undergoing such training.

Evaluation of the Sustainment Strategies for Selected Air Defense Systems Transferred to the Government of Ukraine*

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has developed and implemented sustainment strategies in support of selected U.S. air defense systems transferred to the Government of Ukraine, in accordance with each system's operational requirements.

External Peer Review of Army Audit Agency Special Access Program Audits

The objective of the external peer review is to determine, for the 3-year period ended December 31, 2022, whether the quality control system for Army Audit Agency Special Access Program audits was suitably designed and complied with to provide reasonable assurance that the Agency was performing and reporting in conformity with the Government Auditing Standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements in all material respects.

External Peer Review of Air Force Audit Agency Special Access Program Audits

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Evaluation of the Air Force's Actions to Sustain the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the Air Force has reasonable plans in place to sustain the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) until the deployment of its replacement, the Sentinel ICBM.

Evaluation of the DoD Senior Service Colleges' Response to Allegations of Harassment

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD's senior service colleges respond to allegations of harassment in accordance with DoD policy.