



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

March 31, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND
SECURITY
COMMANDER, U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD's Development of Arctic Infrastructure, Communications Capabilities, and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance in Europe (Project No. D2025-DEV0PD-0088.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in March 2025.

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the DoD Components are effectively developing infrastructure, communications capabilities, and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities to deter threats in the European Arctic in accordance with the DoD 2024 Arctic Strategy. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at Pituffik, Greenland; Stuttgart, Germany; and potential locations in Norway. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of the infrastructure, ISR, and communications capabilities in the European Arctic that relate to the objective. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email addresses to

[REDACTED]

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," November 13, 2024, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bryan T. Clark
Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
Programs, Combatant Commands, and
Operations