

Summary: No Evidence a Senior BLM Official Told Staff to Overlook Regulations

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The OIG investigated allegations that a senior official from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) encouraged natural resource specialists to overlook regulations so they could process Applications for Permit to Drill more quickly, and to protect any staff members who overlooked the regulations

Our investigation did not substantiate the allegations and found no evidence to indicate the senior official encouraged staff to overlook the regulations as alleged. We found the senior official did meet with a group of natural resource specialists and encouraged them to streamline processes, but he did not direct staff to overlook regulations.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the BLM Deputy Director.

