

# **Summary: Unsubstantiated Conflict of Interest Allegations Against a BLM Employee**

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The OIG investigated conflict of interest allegations against a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Supervisor. The complaint alleged that the Supervisor favored a family member in official matters involving drilling permits for the family member's employer, an oil and gas company, and his family's property.

Our investigation showed the allegations were unfounded. We determined that the Supervisor processed Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) in accordance with policy and without bias. We also found no evidence that the Supervisor influenced official matters involving his family's property. Finally, we learned that BLM supervisors and department ethics officials were aware of the Supervisor's familial relationships and approved his continued involvement with the APDs.

This is a summary of an investigative report that we provided to the BLM Director.

