

Summary: A BOR Official Waived Fees for Use of a DOI Location

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The OIG investigated an allegation that a former official of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) failed to collect the required fees from the promoter of a fashion show that occurred at a Department of the Interior (DOI) location and that the official disregarded advice given by the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) about the collection of those fees.

We found that the former official issued a waiver of the fees and that an SOL attorney had previously advised the official's office that this approach was inconsistent with Federal guidance. We did not find evidence that the official personally benefited from the decision to waive the fees. We found that the official made the decision in question only after learning a few weeks before the event that a subordinate had told the promoter that the BOR would waive the fees.

This is an investigative summary of a report we issued to the BOR Commissioner.

