



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Honorable Robert J. Feitel  
Inspector General  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
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**Subject: Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

Dear Mr. Feitel:

The Peace Corps Office of Inspector General has reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (NRC and DNFSB OIG) in effect for the period ending in March 2024. Our review was conducted in accordance with the Quality Standards for Investigations (QSI) and the Qualitative Assessment Review (QAR) Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We reviewed compliance with the NRC and DNFSB OIG system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the NRC and DNFSB OIG headquarters office in Rockville, MD. We also sampled 20 investigation case files that were closed between July 31, 2019, and January 31, 2024.

Our review incorporated the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority and Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. These documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible Offices of Inspectors General personnel. Law enforcement powers may only be exercised for activities authorized by the IG Act, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the NRC and DNFSB OIG that were in effect for the year 2023 follows the quality standards established by CIGIE and other applicable guidelines and statutes cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance that NRC and DNFSB OIG conforms with the professional standards for planning, executing, and reporting its investigations and in the use of law enforcement powers.



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Sincerely,

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