

# U.S. International Trade Commission

*Management Report - IPERA Determination*



**OIG-MR-17-11**

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Office of Inspector General

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, DC 20436

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Chairman Schmidlein:

This transmits the Inspector General's report on the Commission's compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010, as amended (IPERA).

The Office of Inspector General has reviewed the Commission's Agency Financial Report and the other documentation provided by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Based on the information provided, the Commission has complied with the requirements of IPERA and does not have any programs or activities susceptible to significant improper payments.

During our review of information provided by the Chief Financial Officer, we found that the process used to track improper payments was not effective. We were aware of two improper payments that had not been listed on the tracker. We determined this did not negatively impact the Commission's compliance with IPERA because the amounts were insignificant and recovery of the overpayments was made.

We are making a recommendation to the Commission to improve the tracking and reporting of improper payments. Within the next 30 days, please provide me with your management decision to address the recommendation.

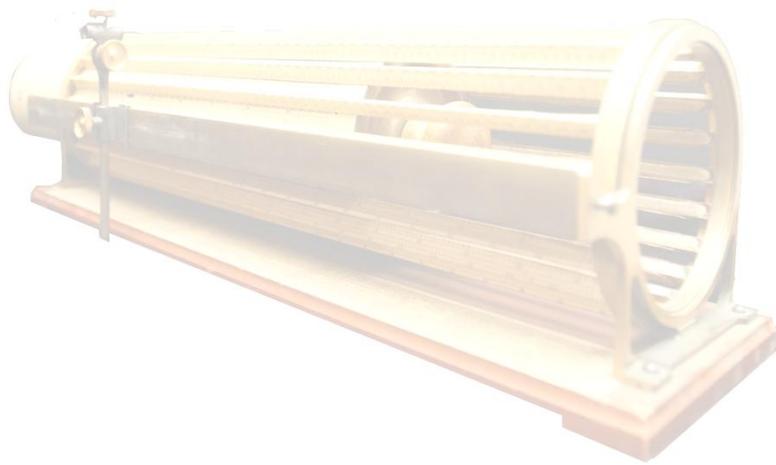
**Recommendation 1:** The Chief Financial Officer identify the different sources where improper payments can be made and establish a process to report improper payments to the appropriate office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Heneghan  
Inspector General





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