

Summary: Alleged Violations of Prohibited Personnel Practices and Favoritism by BSEE Management

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The OIG investigated multiple allegations of improper hiring, noncompetitive promotions, nepotism, favoritism, and other improper personnel practices by three Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) senior officials.

We found that one of the officials violated Federal regulations when he pursued a procurement action to hire an employee with whom he had a prior relationship. We also found that he directed a change to the minimum qualification language in a job solicitation to aid the same employee's selection for Federal employment. We found no evidence to support the allegations against the other two officials involving hiring, noncompetitive supervisory reassignments, nepotism, or favoritism.

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

