



Farm Credit Administration
Office of Inspector General

July 14, 2025

Susan L. Ruge-Hudson
Inspector General
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE Suite 1010
Washington, DC 20463

Subject: *Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Federal Election Commission*

Dear Inspector General Ruge-Hudson:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in effect for the period ended August 31, 2024. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Qualitative Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

We reviewed compliance with the FEC OIG system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the FEC headquarters office in Washington, D.C. Additionally, we reviewed five case files for investigations closed between September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2024 (see Attachment A).

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the FEC OIG in effect for the year ended August 31, 2024, is in compliance with the quality standards established by CIGIE and other applicable guidelines cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution, and reporting of its investigations.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the FEC OIG staff for their assistance throughout this peer review process.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A
List of Closed Investigative Files Reviewed

Case File Number	Case Closing Date
I21INV00015	9/08/2022
I22INV00002	1/11/2024
I22INV00004	6/16/2023
I22INV00033	8/10/2023
I22INV00035	1/12/2023

Attachment B

Inspector General Response



Federal Election Commission
Office of the Inspector General

July 10, 2025

Mr. Nicolas J. Novak
Acting Inspector General
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Office of Inspector General
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Dear Acting Inspector General Novak,

We have reviewed your draft report and letter of observations for our most recent investigative Quality Assessment Review (QAR) and we concur with the report in its entirety. We are pleased that your peer review team determined that our system of internal controls and management procedures are compliant with Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's *Quality Standards for Investigations*. We believe that the suggestions made by the peer review team will greatly enhance our investigative operations and we intend to promptly implement them.

It was a pleasure working with your office during this exercise. I would like to thank the entire peer review team for their professionalism, courtesy, and thoroughness in conducting the QAR. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Ruge-Hudson
Inspector General