

# **Summary: Investigation of Federal Employees' Compensation Act Fraud at the U.S. Geological Survey**

**Report Date: April 30, 2015**

OIG investigated allegations of possible fraudulent Federal Employees' Compensation Act claims by a former U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) employee. The complainant stated that the former employee received compensation for mileage between his home and a wellness center. According to the complainant, the former employee had also been reimbursed approximately \$475 each year since 2009 for a gym membership at the wellness center, in addition to mileage reimbursement. The former employee also received approximately \$30 in travel vouchers for each round-trip he made to the wellness center. The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs Agency Query System reported that the former employee had claimed mileage 6 days per week, every week.

During our investigation, we observed the former employee leaving his home and driving to and from the wellness center. We obtained and compared historical records from the wellness center against the dates of his travel claims and identified no instances of fraud. The U.S. Department of Labor provided us with information indicating that the former employee correctly received reimbursement for mileage traveled to and from the wellness center and for the gym membership.

We found no evidence to substantiate the allegations of fraudulent claims and closed the investigation with no further action required.

*This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on October 28, 2015.*

