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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a Former DEA Senior Official for Underreporting Post-DEA Employment Income While Receiving Disability Compensation

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information alleging that a former senior official of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), who had been receiving disability compensation from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), failed to properly disclose to OWCP income from post-DEA employment. The OIG conducted a joint investigation with DOL OIG of the former senior official's alleged underreporting of income.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the former senior official engaged in post-DEA employment while receiving disability compensation and underreported his income to OWCP by more than \$300,000 over a period of several years. Based on the information gathered by the OIG during this investigation, OWCP determined that it had overpaid the former senior official over \$60,000, including more than \$10,000 as a result of the former senior official's failure to accurately disclose employment income. An additional \$50,000 was not properly offset against the former senior official's benefits, due to an OWCP oversight.

OWCP has reduced the former senior official's monthly benefits in order to recover the overpayment. Criminal prosecution was declined. The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to DEA for its review and action it deems appropriate.

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