

January 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Thomas F. Gilman Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration

Carol A. Rue

FROM:

Carol N. Rice Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Review of the Department's FY 2018 Compliance with Improper Payment Requirements (#2019-335)

We are initiating a review to determine the Department's compliance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as amended by the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 and the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued implementing guidance, OMB Circular A-123, Appendix C, *Requirements for Payment Integrity Improvement*, as amended, which requires federal inspectors general to review improper payment reporting annually.

We plan to begin this work immediately, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which we will discuss the review in further detail. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 482-3391. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this review.

cc: MaryAnn Mausser, Audit Liaison, Office of the Secretary