

**DHS Open Unresolved  
Recommendations Over  
Six Months Old, as of  
March 31, 2019**





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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is committed to helping DHS achieve its critical missions. To do that, we conduct and supervise independent audits, investigations, and inspections of DHS programs and operations, and recommend ways for DHS to carry out its responsibilities in the most effective, efficient, and economical manner. We also issue recommendations and pursue cases to address fraud, abuse, mismanagement, and waste of taxpayer funds entrusted to DHS.

This *DHS Open Unresolved Recommendations Over Six Months Old* report lists recommendations we issued to DHS more than six months ago that require action. The Office of Management and Budget established the six month resolution timeframe to ensure prompt resolution and corrective actions on OIG findings and recommendations.

Recommendations remain open unresolved until DHS submits to DHS OIG a corrective action plan (plan) that addresses the findings and recommendations, and DHS OIG accepts the plan. A recommendation is closed once DHS completes the agreed upon corrective actions and DHS OIG verifies that the actions were completed. Recommendations may also be closed by DHS OIG at the request of DHS' Resolution Official or based on special circumstances.

Implementation of these recommendations should result in a more effective, efficient, and economical DHS. We continue to work with DHS and component leadership to resolve the remainder of open and unresolved recommendations. In the last six months, the number of recommendations unresolved more than six months has decreased from 20 to 15.

Additional information about each recommendation is included in the corresponding report. Please view the *Reports* section of our website at [www.oig.dhs.gov](http://www.oig.dhs.gov) to review our reports.



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No. of Reports	Report No.	Report Title	Date Issued	Rec. No.	Recommendation Text	Component	Age of Rec. on 3/31/19 (Days)
1	OIG-12-18	FEMA's Process for Tracking Public Assistance Insurance Requirements	12/16/2011	3	We recommend that the Associate Administrator, Response and Recovery, modify Emergency Management Mission Integrated Environment (EMMIE) or Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) so that FEMA can use the data stored in EMMIE to determine if an applicant previously received disaster assistance for a damaged facility.	FEMA	1901
	OIG-12-18	FEMA's Process for Tracking Public Assistance Insurance Requirements	12/16/2011	4	We recommend that the Associate Administrator, Response and Recovery, review and evaluate National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS) and EMMIE data fields and update any location and insurance fields that are blank or contain erroneous information.	FEMA	1901
2	OIG-15-85	DHS Missing Data Needed to Strengthen Its Immigration Enforcement Efforts	5/4/2015	1	We recommend that the DHS Deputy Secretary require the Office of Policy to develop and implement a plan to collect, analyze, and report data on the Department's use of prosecutorial discretion to assess immigration enforcement activities and improve future policy. The plan should include steps taken to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the prosecutorial discretion data.	SEC, DSEC, COS	1020
3	OIG-15-107	New York's Management of Homeland Security Grant Program Awards for Fiscal Years 2010-12	6/19/2015	3	We recommend that the FEMA Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate require the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to provide a budget and work plan for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs to account for its State Homeland Security Program and Urban Areas Security Initiative grant funds. The budget and work plan should specify the services to be provided and identify the location, and estimate the hours and number of National Guard members.	FEMA	986
4	OIG-16-87	IT Management Challenges Continue in TSA's Security Technology Integrated Program	5/10/2016	5	We recommend that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) CIO and Assistant Administrator for Office of Security Capabilities jointly ensure that authorized TSA staff obtain and change administrator passwords for all Security Technology Integrated Program servers at airports so that contractors no longer have full control over this equipment at airports.	TSA	754
5	OIG-17-99-MA	Management Alert - CBP Spends Millions Conducting Polygraph Examinations on Unsuitable Applicants	8/4/2017	1	We recommend that the Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) establish an in-person pre-security interview well before the polygraph examination.	CBP	431
6	OIG-17-103-MA	Management Alert - Unclear Rules Regarding Executive Protection Details Raise Concerns	9/14/2017	1	We recommend that the Secretary of Homeland Security direct that the CBP and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) security details be discontinued pending a legal review by the DHS Office of General Counsel of the legal sufficiency for such protective details, unless the Secretary makes a written finding of physical security threats meeting the requirements of 31 U.S.C. ~ 1344, the only explicit authority currently available without a specific risk assessment.	SEC, DSEC, COS	402
7	OIG-18-04	(U) FAMS' Contribution to Aviation Transportation Security Is Questionable	10/24/2017	2	This recommendation is classified Sensitive Security Information (SSI).	TSA	374
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8	OIG-18-18	Management Alert - CBP's Use of Examination and Summons Authority Under 19 U.S.C. § 1509	11/16/2017	3	We recommend that CBP look at use of Section 1509 Summonses across the agency to determine how such summonses are being used, and whether such uses comport with the law and CBP's updated policy.	CBP	357
9	OIG-18-36	ICE Faces Challenges to Screen Aliens Who May Be Known or Suspected Terrorists (Redacted)	1/5/2018	2	We recommend that the Assistant Director of Field Operations immediately correct the limitations and challenges identified with Known or Suspected Terrorist Encounter Protocol (KSTEP) by ensuring Enforcement and Removal Operations offices have the infrastructure necessary to communicate on known or suspected terrorists.	ICE	321
10	OIG-18-62	Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, California, Provided FEMA Incorrect Information for Its \$33 Million Project	4/26/2018	1	We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX, disallow the \$33,124,002 (Federal share \$24,843,002) in grant funds awarded to the Authority for Project 828; or \$1,410,433 (Federal share \$1,057,825) if FEMA disallows \$31,713,569 of ineligible costs we questioned in our previous report (OIG-17-25-D; January 2017; Recommendation 1).	FEMA	242
	OIG-18-62	Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, California, Provided FEMA Incorrect Information for Its \$33 Million Project	4/26/2018	2	We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX, not obligate the \$6,036,462 (Federal Share \$4,527,347) in additional funds Authority officials requested for project cost overruns.	FEMA	242
11	OIG-18-77	Lack of Planning Hinders Effective Oversight and Management of ICE's Expanding 287(g) Program	9/19/2018	3	We recommend the Director of ICE develop an information technology Installation and Infrastructure plan in coordination with the Office of the Chief Information Officer to identify efficiencies to reduce the installation timeline.	ICE	138
<b>Total Number of Recommendations</b>				<b>15</b>			