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The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Completes Review of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's Fiscal Year 2019 Compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010

(October 2020) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG) recently completed its review of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 compliance with the *Improper Payments Eliminations and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA)* in September (AUD-2020-003).

IPERA directs agencies to perform risk assessments of programs and activities to identify those that may be susceptible to significant improper payments. An improper payment is any payment that should not have been made; or was in the incorrect amount, to an ineligible recipient, for an ineligible service, or for services not received. When an agency identifies a program or activity that is susceptible to significant improper payments, the agency must estimate the amount of improper payments, and report the estimates, actions taken to reduce improper payments, and improper payment rates of each program or activity. *IPERA* also directs agencies to conduct recovery audits for each program and activity that expends \$1 million or more annually, if conducting such audits would be cost effective.

ODNI complied with *IPERA* for FY 2019. ODNI tested non-contract payment transactions and determined that none of its programs and activities were susceptible to significant improper payments as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Based on this determination, ODNI was not required to prepare or report improper payment estimates, corrective action plans, reduction targets, or improper payment rates for its programs and activities. ODNI supported its determination that conducting recovery audits would not be cost effective. We did not make any recommendations and made one observation.

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