



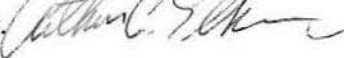
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Close-Out of Office of Inspector General Report No. 14-P-0017, *EPA Does Not Adequately Follow National Security Information Classification Standards*

FROM: Arthur A. Elkins Jr. 

TO: Cayce Parrish, Acting Associate Administrator
Office of Homeland Security

Thank you for your memorandum dated July 2, 2014, responding to the subject report. The planned corrective action and completion dates for recommendation 4 are acceptable. This recommendation stated, "We recommend that the Associate Administrator for the Office of Homeland Security work with the Assistant Administrator for [the Office of Administration and Resources Management] to develop a process for approving classification guides within the 30 days specified in [Executive Order] 13526." Based on your memorandum, we consider this recommendation open with agreed-to corrective actions pending.

As you noted in your response, the 30-day period mentioned above pertains to how long it should take to make a classification decision under EO 13526, Section 1.3(e), not how long it should take to develop a process to review classification guides.

As I noted in my memorandum to Mr. Craig Hooks dated February 28, 2014, recommendation 4 was the only recommendation outstanding. Since we have now reached agreement on the corrective actions for the report, all of the recommendations are resolved, and we therefore will close this report in our system and cease the EPA Manual 2750 dispute resolution process. Please document the completion of the remaining corrective actions in the Management Audit Tracking System.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Carolyn Copper, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation, at (202) 566-0829 or copper.carolyn@epa.gov.

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