

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF  
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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David Maggi  
Chief, Ethics Law and Programs Division and  
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Room 5898c  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Maggi:

As a result of its review of the Department of Commerce (Commerce) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued 12 recommendations in its January 2015 review report. OGE closed all except one recommendation during its follow-up review conducted during September and October 2015. OGE recently conducted a second follow-up review and determined that Commerce has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying the remaining open recommendation. The results of the second follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Findings	Status
1	Assess the financial disclosure review process and improve certification timeliness for annual confidential filers.	Commerce ethics officials prioritized the timely certification of annual confidential reports and provided constant reminders to reviewers. OGE reviewed a sample of annual confidential reports filed in 2016. All of the reports OGE reviewed had been certified timely.	Closed

I appreciate the courtesies extended to the OGE program review staff. If you would like to discuss the report, please contact me at 202-482-9224.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Christopher", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dale Christopher  
Deputy Director for Compliance

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