

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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Dear Mr. Shelley:

As a result of its review of the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General's (DoD OIG) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued two recommendations in its March 2016 review report. OGE recently conducted a follow-up review to determine whether DoD OIG has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying the recommendations. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

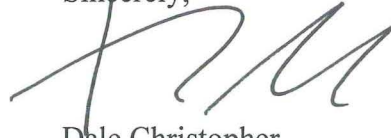
	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Findings	Status
1	Implement corrective action to ensure that non-PAS public financial disclosure reports are certified within 60 days of receipt and document any efforts to contact the filers when additional information is being sought.	The Designated Agency Ethics Official has imposed time standards for his office to expedite the review of the reports. To evaluate the effectiveness of these standards, OGE reviewed the 22 public reports filed in 2016. All but 4 of the reports had been certified within 60 days of receipt. The remaining 4 reports were certified between 61 and 72 days after receipt. Ethics officials documented their efforts to contact three of the four filers to obtain additional information.	Closed
2	Implement corrective action to ensure that new entrant confidential financial disclosure reports are filed timely in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2634.903(b).	DoD OIG requested additional time to address this recommendation.	Open

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OGE will perform a second follow-up during 2017 to assess the status of the remaining open recommendation. 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', written in a cursive style.

Dale Christopher
Deputy Director for Compliance