



August 21, 2024

The Honorable Ben R. Wagner
Inspector General
Tennessee Valley Authority
Office of Inspector General

Subject: Letter of Observations following the Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Tennessee Valley Authority

Dear Mr. Wagner,

This is a supplement to our *Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Tennessee Valley Authority*, dated August 20, 2024.

In addition to reporting a rating of compliant, the peer review team identified several “Best Practices” and/or notable quality characteristics of your investigative operations. Specifically, the review team identified the following positive attributes, in general:

- The organization of the TVA OIG training records are systematic and well-structured in the electronic case management system.
- The TVA OIG Special Agent policies are concise and clearly address all requirements as set forth in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, Attorney General’s Guidelines, and by CIGIE. Additionally, the investigative policies included the mandates from Executive Order 14074 on Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety.
- The TVA OIG closed investigative files were methodical and followed a well-ordered path leading to logical conclusions based on the unbiased and independent reporting of the facts.
- The TVA OIG evidence procedures were robust, incorporating both document logs and electronic access records to ensure stringent evidence control. By maintaining both types of records, the organization encompassed cross-auditing capabilities, allowing for the verification of physical evidence handling against electronic access data. This dual-record approach provided an additional layer of security and accuracy in evidence management.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesies extended to our staff during the review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jason Metrick, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 492-0692.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Parisa Salehi". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light background.

Parisa Salehi
Inspector General