

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL



Semiannual Report to Congress

1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024

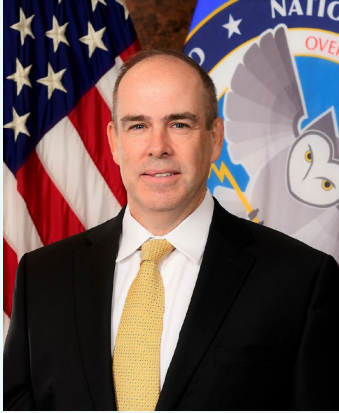




Pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and in accordance with NSA/CSS Policy 1-60, the NSA/CSS Office of the Inspector General conducts independent oversight that promotes the wise use of public resources; adherence to laws, rules, and regulations; and respect for Constitutional rights. Through audits, evaluations, inspections, and investigations, we detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct, and promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of Agency operations.



Message from the Acting Inspector General



I am pleased to submit the Semiannual Report (SAR) for the National Security Agency (NSA)/Central Security Service (CSS)—hereinafter referred to as NSA—Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the period ending 30 September 2024.

The OIG continues to create positive change through impactful and independent oversight. As the Acting Inspector General, I continue to evaluate our processes, making sure we are a strong, efficient, and timely watchdog focused on the top challenges facing the Agency. As the watchdog, we understand and continue to emphasize—through outreach and education to NSA—that whistleblower rights and protections are critical to a properly functioning government.

As demonstrated in the pages that follow, the OIG’s critical oversight encompasses multiple areas, including:

- The Audits and Evaluations Division provides an independent check on a wide breadth of programs and operations throughout NSA—authorities and mission-related activities, civil liberties and privacy, cybersecurity and technology, mission and mission support, financial audits, and procurement.
- The Inspections Division provides oversight across the NSA enterprise to address identified risk areas and the Agency’s ability to promote effective, efficient, and economical management of an organization, site, or function. Inspections may recommend improvements and identify best practices across a broad range of topics.
- The Investigations Division operates our Hotline—ensuring whistleblowers have an independent means through which they can communicate with the OIG and raise concerns—and investigates criminal matters with our law enforcement partners as well as administrative matters involving employee misconduct, with an emphasis on allegations of whistleblower reprisal.

The incredible work of our team spanned across all divisions during this reporting period, from a procurement fraud investigation that led to a Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) criminal sentencing, to impactful audits, inspections, and evaluations that help NSA perform more efficiently and effectively. I am proud that our work is making a difference; NSA has again agreed to all of our recommendations and continues to work diligently with our team to ensure both current and past recommendations are implemented.

It is an honor to lead such a talented, diverse, and dedicated team of oversight professionals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin B. Gerrity".

KEVIN B. GERRITY
Acting Inspector General



Highlights



REPORTS



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Audits

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Evaluations

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Inspections



213

Total Open Recommendations

INVESTIGATIONS

0

Number of Convictions Resulting From Investigations

3

Investigations Involving Senior Employees

4

Investigations Involving Whistleblower Retaliation

12,118

Contacts Processed

32

New Investigations Opened

23

Investigations Closed



17

Disciplinary Actions



93

New Inquiries Opened

110

Inquiries Closed



\$275,717
(Actual)

\$456,158
(Proposed)

Monetary Recoveries

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Information Related to Interference by NSA

The National Security Agency (NSA)/Central Security Service (CSS)—hereinafter referred to as NSA—Office of the Inspector General (OIG) experienced no attempts by NSA to interfere with our independence. The Agency fully cooperated with our work and did not refuse to provide or attempt to delay or restrict access to records or other information, and did not constrain our budget to limit the capabilities of the office.



Audit, Inspection, and Evaluation Reports Issued

For the following reports, the Agency agreed with the OIG's recommendations. These recommendations will assist the Agency to be more effective and efficient.

Audit Reports

Audit of NSA's FY 2023 Compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019

The OIG *Audit of NSA's FY 2023 Compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019* (PIIA) determined that NSA was compliant with PIIA.

Audit of the Management of Programs That Protect Especially Sensitive Classified Information

The OIG performed this audit to determine if NSA was managing the programs that protect especially sensitive classified information (ESCI) efficiently, effectively, and in accordance with applicable policies. We reviewed and assessed policies, procedures, and data relevant to the protection of ESCI and need-to-know requirements and controls. Additionally, we interviewed ESCI oversight bodies and stakeholders and surveyed access holders.

FY 2024 Statement of Standards for Attestation Engagement 18, Management of NSA's Description of Its System Supporting the Performance of Financial Processing Services and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Its Controls

The OIG contracted with an independent public accounting firm to perform an examination of NSA's description of its system supporting the performance of financial processing services on behalf of another U.S. Government organization and to perform an examination of the suitability of design and operating effectiveness of controls to achieve the related control objectives stated in the description for the period 1 October 2023 through 30 June 2024. The examination noted that NSA's description fairly presented the system that was designed and implemented and that controls were suitably designed and operated to effectively provide reasonable assurance that the control objectives were achieved.

Inspection Reports

Inspection of Special United States Liaison Office Canberra

The OIG performed an inspection of Special United States Liaison Office Canberra. The overall objective of this inspection was to evaluate the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of a broad range of the site's activities and operations.



Joint Inspection of NSA/CSS Colorado/Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado

The OIG performed a joint, limited scope inspection of NSA/CSS Colorado/Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado. The overall objective of this limited-scope inspection was to evaluate the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of a broad range of the site's activities and operations.

Potential Safety and Security Risks

The OIG identified risks to safety of personnel and facility security at an NSA location. We found several deficiencies and/or areas for mitigation that NSA should address.

Access to Medical Services

The OIG reviewed healthcare and emergency medical services for NSA personnel. We found several areas that NSA should address to ensure personnel have sufficient and prompt access to medical care.

Evaluation Reports

Evaluation of NSA's Emergency Destruction Readiness

The OIG reviewed emergency destruction documentation at certain NSA site locations. We found several deficiencies and/or ambiguities that NSA should address to ensure clear and comprehensive guidance on emergency destruction.

Evaluation of Agency Processes

The OIG reviewed Agency effectiveness and compliance with processes and practices.

Evaluation of the NSA/CSS Implementation of the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014

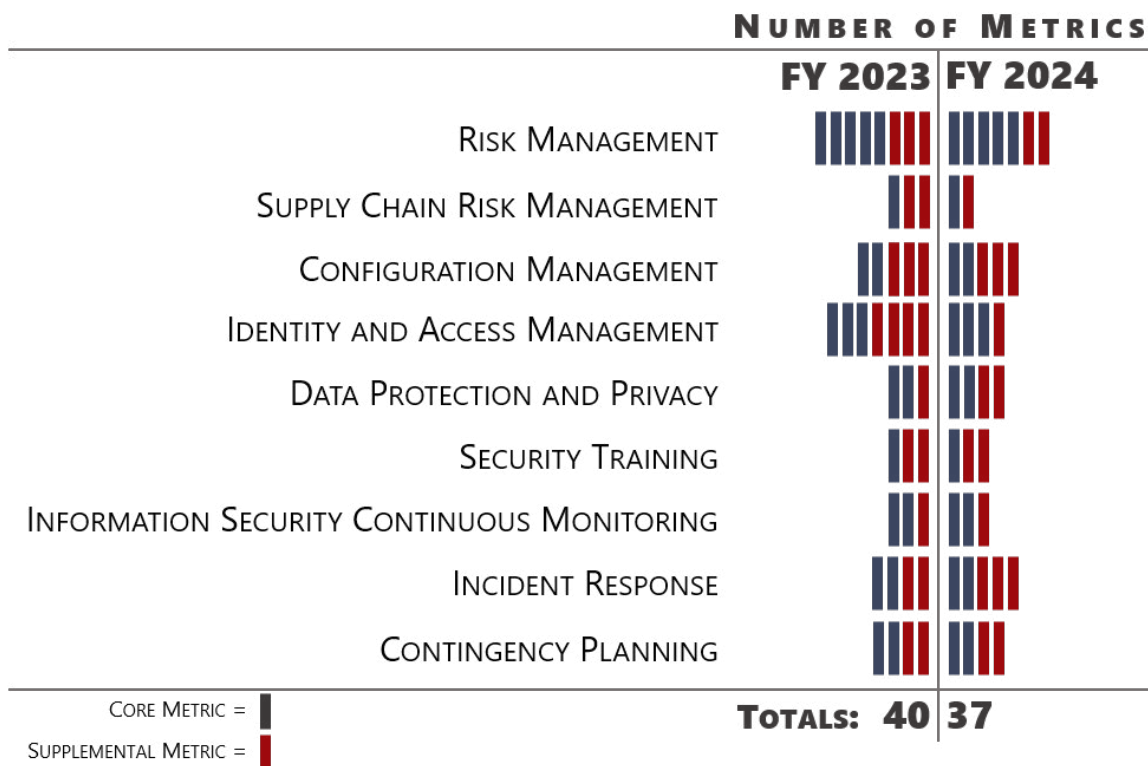
The Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) of 2014 requires OIGs to annually assess the effectiveness of the information security programs of the agencies they oversee. OIG assessments are completed in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance that establishes a maturity-model spectrum, ranging from Level 1, Ad Hoc, to Level 5, Optimized.

On 6 December 2021, OMB issued Memorandum M-22-05, *Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements*, directing a multi-year assessment cycle in which a total of 20 core metrics are to be assessed annually, and supplemental metrics are to be assessed at least once every two years.¹ On 10 February 2023, OMB issued the *FY 2023-2024 Inspector General Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) Reporting Metrics*, outlining the metrics to be assessed for FY 2023. These metrics align with the five functional areas in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (Cybersecurity Framework)*: Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover. The FY 2023-2024 Reporting Metrics represent a continuation of the work started in FY 2022. The

¹OMB Memorandum 22-05 was rescinded by OMB Memorandum 23-03, *Fiscal Year 2023 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements*, 2 December 2022, which was rescinded by OMB Memorandum 24-04, *Fiscal Year 2024 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements*, 4 December 2023.



FY 2024 evaluation represents the third year of the multi-year evaluation cycle. The figure below depicts the shift in the number of assessed metrics in the nine information security areas between FY 2023 and FY 2024.



The OIG concluded that NSA had at least a Maturity Level 2, defined policies, procedures, and strategies, for all nine FISMA information technology security areas. NSA consistently implemented policies, procedures, and strategies for one of the nine areas. Additionally, the OIG assessed two of the security areas at Level 4, Managed and Measurable. Within the context of the maturity model, achieving a Level 4, Managed and Measurable, or above represents an effective level of security. Overall, for the seven areas not at Maturity Level 4, we noted continued room for improvement.

Total Dollar Value of Questioned Costs and Funds Put to Better Use During the Reporting Period

No questioned costs or funds put to better use were identified in OIG reports during this reporting period.



Information Regarding Management Decisions

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Title 5 U.S. Code [U.S.C.] Chapter 4) (IG Act) defines “management decision” as the evaluation by the management of an establishment of the findings and recommendations included in an audit report and the issuance of a final decision by management concerning its response to the findings and recommendations, including actions concluded to be necessary. For OIG audits and evaluations, management’s decision to agree or disagree with a recommendation and submission of a corrective action plan occurs prior to issuance of the final report. For OIG inspections, management’s decision to agree or disagree with a recommendation occurs prior to issuance of the final report, and their submission of a corrective action plan occurs shortly after issuance of the final report.

There were no management decisions made during this reporting period with respect to reversing or changing the initial management decisions for any audit, inspection, or evaluation issued during a previous reporting period.



Compliance With Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA)

NSA reported in its *Agency Financial Report* for FY 2023 that it is not in substantial compliance with Section 803(a) of the FFMIA. Specifically, it is not in compliance with federal financial management systems requirements or applicable federal accounting standards. NSA's target for compliance is FY 2028.



Investigations²

Summary of Closed Significant Investigations

Senior Executive

The OIG determined that a Senior Executive submitted false and inaccurate timesheets, totaling 58.25 hours and a loss of \$5,245 to the Government.

Reprisal

The OIG completed four separate investigations into allegations of reprisal:

- Three of the investigations determined that six Agency supervisors, which included one Senior Executive, one senior employee (General Grade [GG]-15), and four non-senior employees, did not reprimand Agency employees for making protected disclosures and did not engage in any arbitrary or capricious act that adversely affected the rights of those subordinates.
- One of the investigations determined that an Agency contractor reprimanded against a subcontractor for making protected disclosures by having the subcontractor removed from the contract. The investigation also determined that two Agency contractors did not reprimand against a subcontractor for making protected disclosures.

Total Number of Convictions Resulting From Investigations

No convictions resulted from OIG investigations in this reporting period.

The OIG previously reported an investigation where a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a contract company was found guilty of 19 counts of submitting false claims to the Agency, totaling more than \$300,000 in fraudulent billings, and 1 count of making a false statement to an OIG investigator. In June 2024, the CEO was sentenced to 13 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$176,913 in restitution.

²For the purposes of this Semiannual Report, senior employees are General Grade (GG)-15 and higher.



Investigative Statistical Tables

Category	Total ^a
Number of Investigative Reports	22
Number of Persons Referred to the Department of Justice for Criminal Prosecution	5
Number of Persons Referred to the State and Local Prosecuting Authorities for Criminal Prosecution	0
Number of Indictments and Criminal Informations That Resulted From Prior Referrals	0

Note: ^a Statistical tables were developed by compiling data from the OIG’s internal Investigations Division database.

Investigations Substantiating Misconduct Involving Senior Employees

See “[Summary of Closed Significant Investigations](#)” section above for substantiated senior employee cases.

Substantiated Investigations of Whistleblower Retaliation

See “[Summary of Closed Significant Investigations](#)” section above.

Semiannual Reports on Investigations of Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information

In December 2019, the President of the United States signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). Section 6718 of the NDAA amends Title XI of the National Security Act of 1947 by adding a new section: “Section 1105—Semiannual Reports on Investigations of Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information.” This section requires the OIG to submit to the congressional intelligence committees a report on investigations of unauthorized public disclosures of classified information and to do so no less frequently than once every six months.

During the period from 1 April 2024 through 30 September 2024, the OIG did not open or complete any investigations of disclosures of information that have been determined to be classified.



Audits, Inspections, Evaluations, and Investigations of Senior Government Employees Closed and Not Disclosed to the Public

This SAR discloses to the public all audits, inspections, evaluations, and investigations involving senior government employees closed during the reporting period.



Appendix A: Peer Review

Peer Reviews Conducted by Other OIGs

During this reporting period, an National Reconnaissance Office OIG-led team performed a peer review of NSA OIG audits division that covered the period 1 April 2021 through 31 March 2024. The External Peer Review team issued a rating of pass.

During this reporting period, an Intelligence Community Inspector General-led team performed a peer review of NSA OIG inspections and evaluations that covered the period 1 October 2018 through 31 December 2021. The External Peer Review team determined that NSA OIG's internal policies and procedures are generally consistent with the Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review.

There are no outstanding recommendations from any peer review of the NSA OIG.

Peer Reviews Conducted by NSA OIG

The NSA OIG did not complete a peer review of another OIG during this reporting period.

There are no outstanding recommendations from any peer reviews performed by the NSA OIG.



Appendix B: Recommendations Made Before the Reporting Period for Which Corrective Action Has Not Been Completed and All Outstanding Recommendations in the Past 12 Months

Report Date	Report Number	Recommendation Number
3/31/2011	AU-11-0001	AU-11-0001-1b
3/31/2011	AU-11-0001	AU-11-0001-2
3/31/2011	AU-11-0001	AU-11-0001-3
6/28/2013	AU-13-0004	AU-13-0004-5
7/23/2015	JT-15-0002	FH-15-1015
3/30/2016	IN-16-0001	MI-16-1038
3/30/2016	IN-16-0001	MI-16-2009
10/4/2016	IG-16-11869	CM-1
7/14/2017	AD-17-0001	AD-17-0001-1
8/17/2017	ST-16-0003	ST-16-0003-3
10/26/2017	AU-17-0005	AU-17-0005a-1
12/29/2017	AU-16-0018	AU-16-0018-18
1/3/2018	AU-16-0004	AU-16-0004-1
1/3/2018	AU-16-0004	AU-16-0004-6
6/29/2018	IN-18-0002	ND-18-2501
8/1/2018	JT-18-0001	FG-18-2314
9/21/2018	ST-17-0003	ST-17-0003-19
9/28/2018	ST-17-0001	ST-17-0001-14
9/28/2018	ST-17-0001	ST-17-0001-7
9/28/2018	ST-17-0001	ST-17-0001-8
11/6/2018	IN-18-0006	BA-18-2302
3/11/2019	JT-18-0002	AK-18-2501
7/11/2019	IN-19-0002A	SU-19-2902
8/28/2019	JT-18-0003	FH-18-1509
8/28/2019	JT-18-0003	FH-18-2301
8/28/2019	JT-18-0003	FH-18-2501
9/30/2019	AU-18-0013	AU-18-0013-18
10/2/2019	AU-18-0002	AU-18-0002-1
10/2/2019	AU-18-0002	AU-18-0002-4

Report Date	Report Number	Recommendation Number
12/18/2019	ST-18-0002	ST-18-0002-3
12/18/2019	ST-18-0002	ST-18-0002-4
12/18/2019	ST-18-0002	ST-18-0002-5
12/18/2019	ST-18-0002	ST-18-0002-6
12/18/2019	ST-18-0002	ST-18-0002-7
3/17/2020	IN-19-0002	SU-19-2103
6/16/2020	ST-18-0004	ST-18-0004-1
6/16/2020	ST-18-0004	ST-18-0004-4
6/16/2020	ST-18-0004	ST-18-0004-6
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-12
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-16
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-17
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-18
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-23
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-25
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-8
6/18/2020	ST-18-0006	ST-18-0006-9
7/1/2020	ST-18-0009	ST-18-0009-1
7/1/2020	ST-18-0009	ST-18-0009-20
7/1/2020	ST-18-0009	ST-18-0009-5
7/1/2020	ST-18-0009	ST-18-0009-6
7/1/2020	ST-18-0009	ST-18-0009-8
7/14/2020	JT-19-0001	MH-19-1301
7/14/2020	JT-19-0001	MH-19-1302
7/14/2020	JT-19-0001	MH-19-1608
7/14/2020	JT-19-0001	MH-19-2506
7/14/2020	JT-19-0001	MH-19-2601
9/21/2020	AU-19-0001	AU-19-0001-3
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-1



Report Date	Report Number	Recommendation Number
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-12
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-2
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-3
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9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-5
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-8
9/30/2020	ST-19-0002	ST-19-0002-9
12/17/2020	AU-18-0012	AU-18-0012-5
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3/31/2021	ST-19-0003	ST-19-0003-16
7/16/2021	IN-21-0001A	FL-21-2901
7/16/2021	IN-21-0001A	FL-21-2902
7/16/2021	IN-21-0001A	FL-21-2904
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-1
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-12
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-15
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-2
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-3
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-6
8/30/2021	EV-19-0002	EV-19-0002-9
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9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-1502
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-1503
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-1514
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-1603
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2109
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2301
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2304
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2407
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2413
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2414
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2426
9/28/2021	JT-20-0001	SL-20-2437
9/29/2021	EV-21-0002	EV-21-0002-11
9/30/2021	AU-20-0007	AU-20-0007-12
9/30/2021	AU-20-0007	AU-20-0007-15
9/30/2021	AU-20-0007	AU-20-0007-3
9/30/2021	AU-20-0007	AU-20-0007-7
1/21/2022	IN-21-0001	FL-21-2301
2/9/2022	EV-20-0005	EV-20-0005-10
2/9/2022	EV-20-0005	EV-20-0005-2

Report Date	Report Number	Recommendation Number
2/9/2022	EV-20-0005	EV-20-0005-3
5/20/2022	IN-21-0002	SO-21-2501
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9/14/2022	EV-21-0005	EV-21-0005-26
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5/26/2023	EV-20-0009	EV-20-0009-10



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5/26/2023	EV-20-0009	EV-20-0009-3
6/15/2023	EV-21-0010	EV-21-0010-2
Outstanding Recommendations in the Past 12 Months		
10/13/2023	JT-22-0002	SC-22-1003
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10/13/2023	JT-22-0002	SC-22-2001
10/13/2023	JT-22-0002	SC-22-2101
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2/16/2024	EV-23-0012	EV-23-0012-7
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2/16/2024	EV-23-0012	EV-23-0012-9

Report Date	Report Number	Recommendation Number
4/10/2024	AU-22-0004	AU-22-0004-11
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4/10/2024	AU-22-0004	AU-22-0004-8
5/6/2024	AU-24-0003	AU-24-0003-1
6/18/2024	JT-21-0001	DE-21-1501-S
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6/18/2024	JT-21-0001	DE-21-2402
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Appendix C: Abbreviations List

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIGIE	Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
CSS	Central Security Service
DoD	Department of Defense
ESCI	Especially sensitive classified information
FFMIA	Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014
IG Act	Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NSA	National Security Agency
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PIIA	Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019
SAR	Semiannual Report
U.S.C.	U.S. Code



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