



December 20, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas F. Gilman
Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration
Office of the Secretary

Carol N. Rice

FROM: Carol N. Rice
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Review of the Department's FY 2019 Compliance with Improper
Payment Requirements (#2020-361)

We are initiating a review to determine the Department's compliance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as amended by the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 and the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued implementing guidance, OMB Circular A-123, Appendix C, *Requirements for Payment Integrity Improvement*, as amended, which requires federal inspectors general to review improper payment reporting annually. We are required to complete this review and issue our report on compliance by May 15, 2020.

We plan to begin this work immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss the review in further detail. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 482-3391.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this review.

cc: Stephen Kunze, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management
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