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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

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The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
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Dear Mr. Horowitz:

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in the CIGIE *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. The peer review was conducted from March 5, 2018, through August 8, 2018.

The CIGIE External Peer Review Team (Review Team) assessed the extent to which the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General Evaluation and Inspections (E&I) Division met seven CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book standards), specifically: Quality Control, Planning, Data Collections and Analysis, Evidence, Records Maintenance, Reporting, and Follow-Up. This assessment included a review of the E&I Division's internal policies and procedures implementing the seven required Blue Book standards. It also included a review of three of the five E&I Division reports issued between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017, to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and the E&I Division's internal policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that the E&I Division's policies and procedures generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed in this CIGIE external peer review. Of the three reports reviewed, all generally met the seven Blue Book standards and generally complied with E&I Division's internal policies and procedures.

We have also issued a letter dated August 8, 2018, that provides several recommendations for your consideration based on observations of the Review Team. On behalf of the Review Team, I want to thank you for the professionalism, assistance, and cooperation of your staff during this review.

Sincerely,

J. Russell George
Inspector General

Enclosure