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DHS Open Unresolved Recommendations Over 6 Months Old, as of September 30, 2025

Report Number	Report Title	Date Issued	Rec. No.	Recommendation Text	DHS Comp	Reason Code*
OIG-18-04	*(U) FAMS' Contribution to Aviation Transportation Security Is Questionable*	10/24/2017	3	Report is classified.	TSA	B
OIG-19-17	*FAMS Contribution to International Flight Security is Questionable*	12/19/2018	1	Report is classified.	TSA	C
OIG-19-66	*FEMA Did Not Sufficiently Safeguard Use of Transportation Assistance Funds*	9/30/2019	1	We recommend the FEMA Assistant Administrator for Recovery strengthen FEMA's transportation assistance policies and procedures and coordinate with FEMA Assistant Administrator for Mission Support to: a) require the collection and retention of eligibility documentation or where applicable, document the steps taken to validate applicant statements in FEMA's system of record, and b) ensure future information technology updates support the collection, use, and retention of unique Vehicle Identification Numbers to enable FEMA to cross-reference national databases to confirm insurance coverage and identify applicants' second vehicles.	FEMA	A

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			3	We recommend the FEMA Assistant Administrator for Recovery, in accordance with the Stafford and Improper Payments Acts; develop controls to identify payments not used for critical transportation needs.	FEMA	A
OIG-19-17	*DHS Encountered Obstacles to Screen, Vet, and Inspect All Evacuees during the Recent Afghanistan Crisis*	9/6/2022	2	We recommend the Secretary of Homeland Security develop a comprehensive contingency plan to support similar emergency situations in the future and account for, screen, vet, and inspect all individuals during unprecedented events when limited biographic data is available. Specifically: a. The plan should include, at a minimum, lessons learned from departmental after-action reports that can be incorporated into the plan for future events, lead roles and responsibilities, points of contact, established processes, and expected timeframes. b. The policies and procedures should ensure accountability, standard practices, and quality assurance across DHS components involved in screening, vetting, and inspecting individuals in emergency situations.	SEC, DSEC, COS	A
OIG-22-69	*FEMA Did Not Implement Controls to Prevent More than $3.7 Billion in Improper Payments from the Lost Wages Assistance Program*	9/16/2022	3	We recommend the FEMA Administrator update the State Administrative Plan template to incorporate a requirement for grantees to include a description of the steps to prevent improper payments.	FEMA	A
			4	We recommend the FEMA Administrator develop and implement a process to monitor whether grantees implement and use the controls attested in FEMA-approved State Administrative Plans.	FEMA	A

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			5	We recommend the FEMA Administrator work with state workforce agencies to evaluate the Lost Wages Assistance program payments and verify that all recipients who received payment have a self-certification on file, as required; to determine whether the claimant meets eligibility requirements if no self-certification is on file; and, if not, to recover the payment.	FEMA	A
			6	We recommend the FEMA Administrator conduct an after-action study of the Lost Wages Assistance program and update FEMA's Individuals and Households Program based on the lessons learned from the study.	FEMA	A
OIG-22-73	*More than $2.6 Million in Potentially Fraudulent LWA Payments Were Linked to DHS Employees Identities*	9/27/2022	6	We recommend the FEMA Administrator develop and implement a process to review state administrative plans for consistency and ensure they include fraud prevention and mitigation strategies.	FEMA	A
OIG-23-42	*Ineffective Controls Over COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Leave the Program Susceptible to Waste and Abuse*	8/22/2023	1	We recommend that the FEMA Administrator resolve questioned costs totaling an estimated $24,438,662 for expenses deemed ineligible by FEMA's Individual Assistance Program and Policy Guide and determine the amount of any debts owed by recipients for erroneous payments.	FEMA	A
OIG-24-57	*Audit of Office of Intelligence and Analysis Contract and Funding Management Processes*	9/19/2024	4	RMA recommends that DHS OCPO management develop a process to ensure that all closeout modifications are signed on the same date that the contract action is released in the contract writing system.	FEMA	A

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OIG-24-62	*DHS Partners Did Not Always Use DHS Technology to Obtain Emerging Threat Information*	9/27/2024	3	We recommend the DHS Chief Information Officer conduct a cost benefit analysis to evaluate partners' Homeland Security Information Network use versus cost to modernize and determine if modernization is the best solution for Homeland Security Information Network based on fiscal responsibility, mission objectives, and user feedback.	MGMT	C
OIG-25-07	*Oversight Review of the United States Secret Service, Office of Professional Responsibility*	12/23/2024	1	We recommend that the Assistant Director for the United States Secret Service Office of Professional Responsibility review and revise its intake procedures, or develop new procedures, to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General receives timely and appropriate notice of all allegations of employee misconduct, consistent with the law.	USSS	C
OIG-25-13	*FEMA's Insufficient Oversight of COVID-19 Emergency Protective Measures Grants Led to Over $8.1 Billion in Questioned Costs and $1.5 Billion in Over-obligated Funds*	1/30/2025	3	We recommend the FEMA Administrator conduct an incurred cost audit of all expenditures for the state medical staffing project worksheet and disallow and recover any ineligible costs identified.	FEMA	C
OIG-25-15	*Joint Audit of Security Controls over Coast Guard Systems Operating on the Department of Defense Information*	2/7/2025	3.c	We recommend that the (redacted): Develop and implement physical security methods to control and monitor physical access to the (redacted) production environment server room at (redacted), in accordance with Department of Defense physical security requirements for information technology.	USCG	C

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			4.d	We recommend that the Commander, Coast Guard Cyber Command: Direct the security control assessors to conduct and document the results of annual security assessments in accordance with established control assessment frequencies for Coast Guard information systems and ensure that the security control assessors are independent of the system that they assess.	USCG	B
OIG-25-17	*The Coast Guard Faces Challenges Interdicting Non-Commercial Vessels Smuggling Drugs into the United States*	2/19/2025	1	We recommend the Commandant of the Coast Guard develop and implement a drug interdiction contingency plan to prioritize the availability of cutters for drug interdiction missions and to mitigate the risk of cutters being unavailable	USCG	C
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