



TO: Mr. Christopher Dentel, Inspector General
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FROM: Christopher Skinner, Inspector General

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Skinner', is placed to the right of the 'FROM:' line.

DATE: February 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Peer Review Report of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025

Summary. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Office of Inspector General (CFTC OIG) conducted a modified scope peer review from January 2026 to February 2026 of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of Inspector General (CPSC OIG) inspection and evaluation program for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025. This required external modified peer review was conducted in accordance with the “Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General, December 2023.” The CFTC OIG assessed the extent to which the CPSC OIG complied with the “CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, December 2020 (Blue Book).”

This assessment included a review of the CPSC OIG’s internal policies and procedures implementing the Quality Control requirements (Standard 7) of the CIGIE Blue Book.

Overall Conclusion. The CPSC OIG has received an External Modified Peer Review rating of *pass*. The CFTC OIG determined that the CPSC OIG’s policies and procedures generally complied and were consistent with Quality Control requirements of the CIGIE Blue Book standards. During the peer review, CPSC OIG indicated to CFTC OIG that it no longer plans to contract or conduct any inspection and evaluation work. Accordingly, the CFTC OIG recommends that the CIGIE Inspection and Evaluation Peer Review Working Group remove CPSC OIG from future inspection and evaluation peer review schedules to prevent redundant efforts by reviewing OIGs.

Response to Peer Review. The CPSC OIG’s management officials provided a response to our Peer Review Report (Enclosure 1) in which they agreed with our overall rating.

Background. The CIGIE external peer review program is designed to assure OIGs and their stakeholders of an inspection and evaluation organization’s compliance with Blue Book standards. The CIGIE Inspection and Evaluation Peer Review Working Group is the Inspections and Evaluations Committee’s designee for managing peer review related activities, unless otherwise directed.

Criteria. The CIGIE Inspection and Evaluation Peer Review Working Group identified the [“Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General, 2023”](#) as the criteria for peer reviews, which includes the [Peer Review Checklist](#).

Scope and Methodology. An external modified peer review is conducted for an OIG with an Inspection and Evaluation organization that did not issue any inspections or evaluations during the applicable three-year period, maintains internal policies and procedures for performing inspections and evaluations work, and plans to perform such work in the future. In these cases, a peer review helps ensure that the organization’s established internal inspection and evaluation policies and procedures are current and consistent with Blue Book standards.

- During the review period, the CPSC OIG procured external contractors to conduct inspections and evaluations and did not communicate responsibility for the contractors’ findings and conclusions, nor were the contractors part of the CPSC OIG team. Thus, the external modified peer review’s methodology consisted of a review of CPSC OIG’s internal policies and procedures using [Appendix D, section A](#) and the previous peer review report as recommended by the CIGIE Peer Review Guide. The purpose of the review was to assess CPSC OIG’s internal policies and procedures related to the monitoring of contract work performed in accordance with Blue Book standards; thus, no tests for compliance with these policies and procedures were required. Therefore, our review may not have detected all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance. Prior peer review results from March 2023 indicated that CPSC OIG received a rating of *pass* with no recommendations for action and a Letter of Comment.
- Prior to concluding the peer review, we met with CPSC OIG management to discuss the results of our review and reassessed the adequacy of the scope. We believe that the procedures we performed provided a reasonable basis for our opinion. The assessment was conducted through a series of Microsoft Teams meetings, document requests, and email correspondence. We identified no constraints on our ability to exercise professional judgment. In addition, we identified no limitations on or impairments to our independence.
- There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and may not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The CFTC OIG would like to thank CPSC OIG staff for their cooperation and collaborative efforts throughout the preparation of this report. The OIG will furnish a copy of the final report to CPSC OIG so it can provide the report to the Peer Review Committee. If you have any further questions, please contact Elizabeth Bulla, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations.

Enclosure 1



February 18, 2026

TO: Christopher Skinner, Inspector General, Commodity Futures Trading Commission

FROM: Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General

**CHRISTOPHER
DENTEL** Digitally signed by
CHRISTOPHER DENTEL
Date: 2026.02.18 15:01:11
-0500'

SUBJECT: Response to Peer Review Report

We appreciate the professional and thorough work conducted by your staff in reviewing the Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of Inspector General's compliance with the Quality Control Standards of the Blue Book. We agree with your determination that our policies and procedures generally complied with and were consistent with Blue Book standards for Quality Control.

We have no additional comments on the draft Peer Review report provided. Thank you for your efforts in completing this review.