

APPENDIX 11: THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT REPORT



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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: DEA's Response to the OIG Draft Report: "*The Handling of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Allegations by the Department's Law Enforcement Components*"

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has reviewed the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Draft Report entitled, *The Handling of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Allegations by the Department's Law Enforcement Components*. DEA acknowledges OIG's efforts in conducting a review to assess how the DOJ's four law enforcement components respond to sexual misconduct and harassment allegations made against their employees.

The OIG indicated in its report that in 96% of DEA cases reviewed for this evaluation, DEA's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) fully investigated all reported allegations of misconduct and did not refer matters back to local supervisors unless the matter reported was clearly a management or performance-related issue. However, DEA noted that OIG focused the DEA portion of this report on the 3% of cases that, in their opinion, DEA could have investigated the allegations more thoroughly.

The investigation of allegations of misconduct is the primary mission of the OPR and OPR inspectors are afforded specific authorities to execute this mission. DEA has established criteria for the intake and investigations of allegations and investigates all misconduct allegations. DEA did a second review of the cases that OIG reviewed to determine if OPR had appropriately and thoroughly investigated these allegations. It was found through this review that the investigations were investigated properly through DEA's disciplinary process for related misconduct.