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**“Oversight of Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery”**

**Federal Inspectors General Issue 90-Day Report to Congress**

On January 5, 2006, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE), the parent bodies of the Federal Inspector General community, released a report entitled, “Oversight of Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery, a 90-Day Report to Congress.” The Report summarizes the activities of the Inspector General community during the first 90 days of Federal relief efforts related to hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Within days after Hurricane Katrina, the IGs initiated the most aggressive, comprehensive and well-coordinated interagency oversight effort ever undertaken. The 90-day Report outlines the positive impact of the IG community's response to date and it provides a summary of current and planned actions to ensure effective stewardship of the multi-billion dollar Federal relief effort.

The report describes the following actions:

- Promptly deploying hundreds of auditors, inspectors, and investigators to the Gulf Coast states to ensure appropriate spending of relief funding and to detect and deter fraudulent activities;
- Publishing a consolidated oversight plan, “Compendium of OIG Hurricane Oversight in the Gulf States to Congress,” to ensure accountability, prevent duplication and focus on prevention;
- Initiating over 70 reviews to evaluate the performance of involved Federal agencies, 11 of which have already been published providing agency management with important recommendations for improving operations;
- Establishing a Hurricane Hotline enabling citizens to report alleged fraud, waste and abuse---nearly 6,000 contacts to date;
- Opening 230 investigative cases resulting in 36 arrests and 44 indictments;
- Actively participating on the Department of Justice's Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force which is comprised of Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; and,
- Issuing public service announcements designed to assist in deterring and detecting fraud.

A complete copy of the report may be found on <http://www.ignet.gov/new1.html> and [http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/Copy \(2\) of editorial 0602.xml](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/Copy_(2)_of_editorial_0602.xml).

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