

eign Affairs, and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives.

“(2) The term ‘Inspectors General’ means the following:

“(A) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

“(B) The Inspector General of the Department of State.

“(C) The Inspector General of the United States Agency for International Development.

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2024 \$8,000,000 to carry out this section.”

#### § 420. Information on websites of Offices of Inspectors General

(a) DIRECT LINKS TO INSPECTORS GENERAL OFFICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of that Federal agency or designated Federal entity, a direct link to the website of the Office of the Inspector General of that Federal agency or designated Federal entity.

(2) ACCESSIBILITY.—The direct link under paragraph (1) shall be obvious and facilitate accessibility to the website of the Office of the Inspector General.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL WEBSITES.—

(1) POSTING OF REPORTS AND AUDITS.—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall—

(A) not later than 3 days after any audit report, inspection report, or evaluation report (or portion of any such report) is submitted in final form to the head of the Federal agency or the head of the designated Federal entity, as applicable, post that report (or portion of that report) on the website of the Office of Inspector General; and

(B) ensure that any posted report (or portion of that report) described under subparagraph (A)—

(i) is easily accessible from a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General;

(ii) includes a summary of the findings of the Inspector General; and

(iii) is in a format that—

(I) is searchable and downloadable; and

(II) facilitates printing by individuals of the public accessing the website.

(2) REPORTING OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall establish and maintain a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General for individuals to report fraud, waste, and abuse. Individuals reporting fraud, waste, or abuse using the direct link established under this paragraph shall not be required to provide personally identifying information relating to that individual.

(B) ANONYMITY.—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall not disclose the identity of any

individual making a report under this paragraph without the consent of the individual unless the Inspector General determines that such a disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the investigation.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing an Inspector General to publicly disclose information otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “designated Federal entity” and “head of the designated Federal entity” have the meanings given those terms in section 415(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 117–286, §3(b), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4251.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
420 .....	5 U.S.C. App. (IGA §8M)	Pub. L. 95–452, §8M, formerly §8L, as added Pub. L. 110–409, §13(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4315; renumbered §8M, Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VIII, §848(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1851; amended Pub. L. 114–317, §§4(e), 7(b)(1)(A), (c), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1602, 1605, 1606.

#### § 421. Additional provisions with respect to the Department of Energy

(a) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT ACCESS TO CERTAIN MATERIALS.—The Secretary of Energy may prohibit the Inspector General of the Department of Energy from accessing Restricted Data and nuclear safeguards information protected from disclosure under chapter 12 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2161 et seq.) and intelligence or counterintelligence, as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003), if the Secretary of Energy determines that the prohibition is necessary to protect the national security or prevent the significant impairment to the national security interests of the United States.

(b) NOTIFICATION TO INSPECTOR GENERAL AND STATEMENT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 7 days after the date on which the Secretary of Energy exercises any power authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the Inspector General of the Department of Energy in writing of the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General of the Department of Energy shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a statement concerning such exercise.

(Pub. L. 117–286, §3(b), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4252.)

#### AMENDMENTS NOT SHOWN IN TEXT

*This section was derived from section 8N of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–452, which was set out in the former Appendix to this title, and as it existed as of Oct. 19, 2021. Section 8N of Pub. L. 95–452 was amended by Pub. L. 117–263, div. E, title LII, §5272(8), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3241, prior to being repealed and reenacted as this section by Pub. L. 117–286, §§3(b), 7, Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4252,*

4361. For applicability of those amendments to this section, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 117-286, set out in a Transitional and Savings Provisions note preceding section 101 of this title. Section 8N of Pub. L. 95-452 was amended in subsection (b) by striking “committees of Congress” and inserting “congressional committees”. For definition of “appropriate congressional committees”, which would result from application of the amendment by Pub. L. 117-263, see Amendments Not Shown in Text note set out under section 401 of this title.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
421 .....	5 U.S.C. App. (IGA §8N)	Pub. L. 95-452, §8N, as added Pub. L. 114-317, §6(7), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, as added by act Aug. 30, 1954, ch. 1073, §1, 68 Stat. 919. Chapter 12 of the Act is classified generally to subchapter XI (§2161 et seq.) of chapter 23 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2011 of Title 42 and Tables.

§ 422. Transfer of functions

(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be transferred—

- (1) to the Office of Inspector General—
  - (A) of the Department of Agriculture, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Investigation” and the “Office of Audit”;
  - (B) of the Department of Commerce, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Audits” and the “Investigations and Inspections Staff” and that portion of the office referred to as the “Office of Investigations and Security” which has responsibility for investigation of alleged criminal violations and program abuse;
  - (C) of the Department of Defense, the offices of that department referred to as the “Defense Audit Service” and the “Office of Inspector General, Defense Logistics Agency”, and that portion of the office of that department referred to as the “Defense Investigative Service” which has responsibility for the investigation of alleged criminal violations;
  - (D) of the Department of Education, all functions of the Inspector General of Health, Education, and Welfare or of the Office of Inspector General of Health, Education, and Welfare relating to functions transferred by section 301 of the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3441);
  - (E) of the Department of Energy, the Office of Inspector General (as established by section 208 of the Department of Energy Organization Act);
  - (F) of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Inspector General (as established by title II of Public Law 94-505);
  - (G) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the office of that de-

- partment referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”;
- (H) of the Department of the Interior, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Audit and Investigation”;
- (I) of the Department of Justice—
  - (i) the offices of that Department referred to as—
    - (I) the “Audit Staff, Justice Management Division”;
    - (II) the “Policy and Procedures Branch, Office of the Comptroller, Immigration and Naturalization Service”, the “Office of Professional Responsibility, Immigration and Naturalization Service”, and the “Office of Program Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service”;
    - (III) the “Office of Internal Inspection, United States Marshals Service”; and
    - (IV) the “Financial Audit Section, Office of Financial Management, Bureau of Prisons” and the “Office of Inspections, Bureau of Prisons”; and
  - (ii) from the Drug Enforcement Administration, that portion of the “Office of Inspections” which is engaged in internal audit activities, and that portion of the “Office of Planning and Evaluation” which is engaged in program review activities;
- (J) of the Department of Labor, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Special Investigations”;
- (K) of the Department of Transportation, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Investigations and Security” and the “Office of Audit” of the Department, the “Offices of Investigations and Security, Federal Aviation Administration”, and “External Audit Divisions, Federal Aviation Administration”, the “Investigations Division and the External Audit Division of the Office of Program Review and Investigation, Federal Highway Administration”, and the “Office of Program Audits, Federal Transit Administration”;
- (L)(i) of the Department of the Treasury, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that portion of each of the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Internal Affairs, Tax and Trade Bureau”, the “Office of Internal Affairs, United States Customs Service”, and the “Office of Inspections, United States Secret Service” which is engaged in internal audit activities; and
  - (ii) of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, effective 180 days after July 22, 1998, the Office of Chief Inspector of the Internal Revenue Service;
- (M) of the Environmental Protection Agency, the offices of that agency referred to as the “Office of Audit” and the “Security and Inspection Division”;
- (N) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the office of that agency referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”;
- (O) of the General Services Administration, the offices of that agency referred to as