



## Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Washington, DC 20004-2901

Office of the  
Inspector General

May 13, 2020

Mr. Bruce Hamilton, Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am writing pursuant to the *Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010* (IPERA), which requires Offices of Inspectors General to determine agency compliance with the Act. We determined that the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) met the IPERA requirements for fiscal year (FY) 2019.

According to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance, an agency is required to meet six specific requirements to comply with IPERA, as applicable. We note DNFSB's compliance with those requirements in the following table: <b>OMB M-18-20 Requirements for Payment Integrity Improvement</b>	<b>DNFSB Complied?</b>
1) Published an Agency Financial Report (AFR) or Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) for the most recent fiscal year and posted that report and any accompanying materials required by OMB on the agency website	Yes
2) Conducted a program specific risk assessment for each program or activity that conforms with the Section 3321 note of Title 31 U.S.C. (if required)	N/A
3) Published improper payment estimates for all programs and activities identified as susceptible to significant improper payments under its risk assessment (if required)	N/A
4) Published programmatic corrective action plans in the AFR or PAR (if required)	N/A
5) Published, and is meeting, annual reduction targets for each program assessed to be at risk and estimated for improper payments (if required and applicable)	N/A
6) Reported a gross improper payment rate of less than 10 percent for each program and activity for which an improper payment estimate was obtained and published in the AFR or PAR	N/A

IPERA requires agencies to perform a risk assessment at least once every three years for programs deemed to be at low risk for significant improper payments. Since DNFSB's FY 2017 risk assessment found that the agency was not susceptible to significant improper payments, DNFSB was not required to perform a risk assessment or

to report its improper payment estimates or gross improper payment rate in FY 2019. DNFSB's next risk assessment will be completed in FY 2020.

We confirmed that DNFSB published an AFR for the most recent fiscal year and posted the report and any required accompanying materials on the agency website (<https://www.dnfsb.gov/documents/reports/reports-congress/fy2019-annual-financial-report>).

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-5930; alternatively, you may contact Dr. Brett M. Baker, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (301) 415-5915.

Sincerely,

David C. Lee  
Deputy Inspector General

cc: Richard Tontodonato, Acting Chief Financial Officer