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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard L. Skinner
Inspector General

Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

FROM: Secretary Napolitano 

SUBJECT: Quarterly High-Dollar Overpayments Report
July to September 2010

Attached, as required by Section 3f of Executive Order 13520: Reducing Improper Payments, is the Department's Quarterly High-Dollar Overpayments report for the period July to September 2010. This report will be made publicly available within 15 days.

This report supports the Department's commitment to fulfilling the Executive Order's goals of eliminating payment error and waste in federal programs and increasing the transparency and public scrutiny of significant improper payments.

Attachment

**Department of Homeland Security
Quarterly High-Dollar Overpayments Report
for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2010**

DHS Component	Recipient Type (Entity or Individual)	Recipient's City/County	Recipient's State	Program(s) Responsible	Recovery Actions Taken or Planned	Actions to Prevent Reoccurrence	Payment Date	High \$ Overpayment Date Identified	Amount Paid	Correct Amount
CBP	Entity	Arlington	VA	Salaries and Expenses	Contacted vendor; overpayment returned	Program office contacted and proper invoicing procedures reviewed. Vendor contacted to improve identification and formatting of invoices.	September 20, 2010	September 27, 2010	\$223,366.36	\$0.00
FEMA	Entity	Indianapolis	Indiana	Public Assistance	Program office has contacted grantee to provide missing documentation necessary to validate payment or to refund the payment	FEMA's Program office will be more rigorous in enforcing Grantee and Sub-grantee documentation organization and retention guidance and offer associated record-keeping training. The Program office will increase oversight and monitoring of Grantee distribution of funds to Sub-grantees in order to enhance accountability for timely second-level disbursement of funds.	August 11, 2009	August 1, 2010	\$208,184.29	\$0.00
FEMA	Entity	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	Homeland Security Grant Program	FEMA program office will contact grantee to obtain missing documentation, request a refund or offset future payment	The error detected was an isolated incident. Program office will provide construction cost training to Grantees & staff to improve awareness and accountability. The program office will update HSGP Guidance to disallow the Grantees to reimburse for any construction costs without accompanying documentation that the Sub-Grantee met all of the requirements	August 19, 2009	July 28, 2010	\$3,133,009.25	\$1,141,785.10
FEMA	individual	Gilchrist	Texas	Individual and Households Payments	FEMA Program office will contact individual and request a refund	Program office will provide more training to processing staff on zoning requirements to ensure compliance.	October 13, 2008	September 30, 2010	\$27,372.00	\$0.00
FEMA	individual	Seabrook	Texas	Individual and Households Payments	FEMA Program office will contact individual and request a refund	Program office will provide more training to processing staff for flood policy denial claims.	November 11, 2008	September 30, 2010	\$19,239.54	\$0.00
FEMA	individual	Houston	Texas	Individual and Households Payments	FEMA Program office will contact individual and request a refund	Program office will provide more training to processing staff for claims.	February 2, 2009	September 30, 2010	\$17,702.46	\$9,823.27
FEMA	individual	Hackberry	Louisiana	Individual and Households Payments	FEMA Program office will contact individual and request a refund	Program office will provide more training to processing staff for flood policy denial claims.	January 9, 2009	September 30, 2010	\$7,252.67	\$1,275.24

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FEMA	Entity	Dulac	Louisiana	National Flood Insurance Program	FEMA program office will contact the insurance company and request a refund and/or offset future payment	Program office will provide more training to processing staff for claims.	February 11, 2009	September 24, 2010	\$299,739.70	\$118,877.75
FEMA	Entity	Galveston	Texas	National Flood Insurance Program	FEMA program office will contact the insurance company and request a refund and/or offset future payment	Program office will provide more training to processing staff for claims.	April 19, 2009	September 24, 2010	\$1,518,912.31	\$840,420.31
FEMA	Entity	Carson City	Nevada	Homeland Security Grant Program	FEMA program office will contact grantee to obtain missing documentation, request a refund or offset future payment	FEMA Program Office will provide additional training for HSGP stakeholders to include compliance with financial management practices, responding to documentation requests, and document retention.	September 30, 2009	August 5, 2010	\$27,609.10	\$0.00
TSA	Entity	Houston	Texas	Aviation Security	Refund package has been sent to vendor	This error was an isolated incident. Poor image quality of vendor's invoice made an eight appear as a three. In addition, this invoice was paid based on face value. Financial technicians have been directed to verify all required payment information prior to payment processing.	July 7, 2010	July 22, 2010	\$75,828.00	\$37,914.00
USCG	Entity	Jacksonville	Florida	14-MILE BRIDGE	Contacted vendor; overpayment returned	This overpayment is the result of system and payment technician errors. Added systems controls to validate invoice total against line total. Improved system handling of contract numbers longer than 16 characters. Payment Technician training need to report issues immediately to systems helpdesk.	September 27, 2010	September 28, 2010	\$6,458,968.45	\$1,291,793.69