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Mr. Christopher Parker
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Dear Mr. Parker:

The United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has conducted a follow-up review of the ethics program at the U.S International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) to determine how the remaining recommendations from our April 2011 report have been addressed.

OGE recommended IBWC complete the financial disclosure section of its ethics program directives. IBWC updated its directives to reflect the process for the collection, review, and evaluation of both public and confidential financial disclosures, which included mechanisms for addressing delinquent filers. IBWC has taken appropriate action responsive to OGE's recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is closed.

OGE recommended IBWC resolve and formally document its relationship with the Department of State regarding each agency's role in the financial disclosure process for Presidential appointees to the IBWC. IBWC established a dialogue between the two agencies, clarified roles, and formally documented the results of this dialogue as part of its written financial disclosure procedures. IBWC has taken appropriate action responsive to OGE's recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is closed.

Based on OGE's follow-up, we have determined that IBWC has adequately implemented the remaining recommendations from the April 2011 report. As a result, OGE has closed these recommendations. Thank you for your assistance during the follow-up process. Please contact me at 202-482-9317 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rashmi Bartlett".

Rashmi Bartlett
Associate Director