

## ETHICS PROGRAM REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT

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## UNITED STATES OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS



Preventing Conflicts of Interest  
in the Executive Branch

As a result of its review of the U.S. Department of the Defense (DoD) Office of the Secretary's (OSD) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued one recommendation in its July 2023 plenary review report. OGE conducted a follow-up review to assess whether OSD has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying the recommendation. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	Ensure that new entrant confidential financial disclosure reports are reviewed promptly after submission to identify any reported interests that could create a real or potential conflict of interest. The review should be conducted early enough that filers can be counseled and requested to provide any additional information necessary and reports can, in all but the most complex cases, be certified within 60 days of submission.	<p>OGE examined 26 new entrant confidential financial disclosure reports filed in 2022 during its plenary review and found that 15 (58%) were certified more than 60 days after submission. OGE examined 26 new entrant confidential financial disclosure reports filed in 2022 during its plenary review and found that 15 (58%) were certified within 60 days after submission.</p> <p><b><u>OGE Finding:</u></b> In October 2024, OGE reviewed 36 new entrant confidential financial disclosure reports filed in 2024. Of these reports, 33 or 92% were reviewed and certified within 60 days after submission.</p>	Closed

Based on the results of OGE's follow-up review, the above recommendation is closed.