

## ETHICS PROGRAM REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Agency: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

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As a result of its review of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued two recommendations in its September 2022 inspection report. OGE conducted a follow-up review to assess whether CEQ has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying these recommendations. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	Ensure that public financial disclosure reports are reviewed and certified timely	OGE's initial inspection found that 12 (71%) of the 17 public financial disclosure reports filed in CY 2021 were reviewed and certified within 60 days of submission.  <u>OGE finding:</u> OGE examined public financial reports filed in CY2023 and found that 16 (89%) of the 18 reports were reviewed and certified within 60 days of submission.	Closed
2	Ensure that all covered employees receive timely annual ethics training.	OGE finding: OGE's initial inspection disclosed that annual training for CY2021 had not been completed until CY2022. OGE examined tracking data that documented CY2022 annual training was completed timely.	Closed

Based on the results of OGE's follow-up review, all recommendations are closed.