
What OIG Recommends
OIG made 8 recommendations to the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations.

In its comments on the draft report, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations concurred with all 8 recommendations. OIG considers all 8 recommendations resolved. The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations’ response to each recommendation, and OIG’s reply, can be found in the Recommendations section of this report. The bureau’s formal written response is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

What OIG Found

- The Office Director did not fully model the Department of State’s leadership and management principles.
- Overall, the office carried out its mission to prevent fire-related fatalities and injuries. The office reported three fatalities and five injuries from FY 2006 to FY 2020.
- The office lacked sufficient internal control procedures in the Department’s annual Statement of Assurance templates and in the Department’s Management Controls Checklist on fire protection.
- Limitations in the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operation’s Real Property Application database impeded the office’s ability to fully monitor overseas posts’ compliance with requirements of its high-rise building mitigation program.