On December 8, 2016, the Office of Inspector General announced a review of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) runway safety initiatives. The objective of our audit was to evaluate FAA’s progress in implementing runway safety initiatives to improve runway safety.

Based on our work during the initial phase of the audit, we will continue to examine FAA’s runway safety initiatives. Specifically, we are evaluating FAA’s progress with implementing the runway safety initiatives resulting from the 2015 Runway Safety Call to Action. We are also revising our objectives to further focus our work. In addition to the originally announced objective, we will assess FAA’s Runway Safety Group’s efforts to analyze data, identify risks, and track actions for mitigating incidents on runways.

We will continue our audit work at FAA Headquarters and other sites as needed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-0500 or Robin Koch, Program Director, at (404) 562-3776.

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1 As a result of a large increase in runway incursions, in 2015 FAA initiated a Call to Action forum that focused on developing short-, medium-, and long-term initiatives for addressing the increase.