



## Memorandum

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Subject: INFORMATION: Attestation Termination Letter | Review of NHTSA's Fiscal Year 2022 Reports on National Drug Control Program Activities  
Project No. 23F3006F000  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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On November 29, 2022, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced a mandated attestation review of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) fiscal year 2022 National Drug Control Program. This review was initiated under Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Circular<sup>1</sup> criteria requiring inspectors general (IG) to conduct a review not less frequently than every 3 years on National Drug Control Program activities in the last completed fiscal year. Our objective was to express a conclusion about the reliability of each assertion made in NHTSA's reports on National Drug Control Program activities for fiscal year 2022.

The ONDCP Circular allows for an agency to request an exemption from the IG attestation review if its prior year drug-related obligations are less than \$50 million. The exemption is limited to the IG review, and an agency is required to meet the reporting requirements of all the other sections of the Circular. On December 13, 2022, NHTSA submitted its request for an exemption to ONDCP, to which ONDCP did not object. As a result, we are terminating the attestation review, which was designed solely to execute ONDCP Circular requirements.

Separately, we have not reviewed NHTSA's Drug Control Program activities since fiscal year 2019. That year, our review<sup>2</sup> identified report errors and omissions by

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<sup>1</sup> ONDCP Circular: National Drug Control Program Agency Compliance Reviews, dated September 9, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> See Inspector General *Review of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fiscal Year 2019 Drug Control Funds and Performance Summary Reporting* (OIG Report No. FI2020018), January 31, 2020. All OIG audit reports are available on our website at [www.oig.dot.gov](http://www.oig.dot.gov).

NHTSA. Because of these prior results, we will soon announce an audit with a revised objective and scope and notify you by separate memorandum.

We appreciate the courtesies and cooperation of NHTSA representatives during our attestation review. If you have any questions, please contact me or Ingrid Harris, Program Director.

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