

**Office of the Inspector General  
Contingency Plan for Lapse in Appropriations  
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**Summary**

In the event of a failure by Congress to enact an Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2016 or a new continuing resolution, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) will be required to close down all operations. As a result, the OIG will place all personnel on furlough, close OIG offices to the public and cease all services.

The OIG is an oversight agency that accomplishes its mission by conducting investigations, audits, evaluations, and prevention activities. The OIG does not routinely provide emergency services or resource protection. As such, all OIG staff will be furloughed and recalled only if their services become necessary.

A limited group of employees have been identified as essential to certain internal operations that may arise in emergencies or should other unpredictable circumstances arise during any furlough period. This group includes the head of the Office of the Inspector General. These employees will be notified to be on call during the furlough period should their services be required. Should an employee be recalled for duty, once the required services are completed, the employee will return to furlough status.

OIG Special Agents are sworn law enforcement officers available for emergency response and available to support other DOI law enforcement in emergency situations. It is not expected that OIG law enforcement support will be needed during the initial period of a department closure; therefore, all Special Agents will be furloughed and subject to call back. The OIG Office of Investigations is responsible for the investigation of criminal, civil, and administrative allegations regarding DOI employees and DOI programs. A review of active investigations found that although the investigations would be significantly impacted by employee furlough and investigations being placed on hold, public safety will not be at risk and staffing would not be warranted during a lapse in appropriated funding.

The OIG has 10 locations across the United States. OIG would close all offices to the public as well as OIG personnel.

The OIG has prepared employee contact lists. Employees will be provided with recall procedures when provided with furlough information.

**Essential Personnel:**

Current OIG onboard employees	263
Law enforcement essential	0
OIG operations	0
<b>Total number of essential personnel</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of employees on call	80