



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY  
**NEWS RELEASE**

**The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community  
Releases Its Semiannual Report to Congress**

(May 30, 2019) Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Michael K. Atkinson is pleased to announce the release of the most recent Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community's (ICIG) Semiannual Report to Congress. This is the second Semiannual Report Inspector General Atkinson has submitted, and the first that includes a full six-month reporting period since he was confirmed by the United States Senate in May 2018.

In his message presenting the Semiannual Report, [Inspector General Atkinson emphasized](#) that maintaining American leadership in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and shaping the global evolution of AI in a manner consistent with our Nation's values, policies, and priorities have become national security issues. In light of that important recognition, the ICIG is building general awareness and common understanding of machine learning and artificial intelligence among Intelligence Community Offices of Inspectors General.

The Semiannual Report summarizes the projects and activities completed by the ICIG for the period October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. It also includes the following highlights:

- The ICIG continued its commitment to integrate oversight of the Intelligence Community (IC) by collaborating with Offices of Inspectors General to identify the most significant challenges facing the IC. For the first time, the ICIG issued a Capstone report with the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and National Security Agency to identify common management and performance issues.
- The ICIG announced the expansion of its Center for Protected Disclosures which includes the ICIG Hotline program. Additionally, the ICIG launched redesigned versions of its secure and unclassified websites, providing visitors with more information and easier site navigation.
- Inspector General Atkinson joined senior officials from the United States Government to participate in the second annual review of the European Union – United States Privacy Shield framework before the European Commission and European data protection authorities. The Privacy Shield framework regulates and protects personal data transferred from the European Union (EU) to the United States for commercial purposes.

On the basis of its factual findings, the European Commission acknowledged that the Privacy Shield framework has been “generally a success” and that the United States continues to ensure “an adequate level of protection for personal data” transferred under the Privacy Shield from the EU to organizations in the United States.

- The ICIG sponsored the Annual Intelligence Community Inspectors General Conference and Awards Program in March 2019. More than 500 professionals attended the event, making it the largest in the ICIG's seven-year hosting history. Representatives from all of the IC elements gathered to exchange ideas, and discuss topics related to Unauthorized Disclosures; Whistleblowing; Cryptocurrency; and Artificial Intelligence.
- The ICIG completed an evaluation assessing the effectiveness of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI) information security program. The ICIG issued 11 recommendations for improving practices.
- The ICIG conducted an inspection of ODNI's Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, which focused on mission performance, management effectiveness, and resource management of the organization.
- The ICIG announced projects that align with the *2019 National Intelligence Strategy*, and the Director of National Intelligence's *IC2025 Vision and Foundational Priorities*, including an evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of Director of National Intelligence's Oversight of IC Major System Acquisition Cybersecurity Risks; a review of ODNI's compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act; an examination of the Security Clearance review process; and the continued assessment of the implementation of Intelligence Community Directive 701, *Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified National Security Information*.

## [Full Semiannual Report](#)

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