

# 2025 INSPECTOR GENERAL REMOVALS

On January 24, 2025, the administration sent 17 [emails](#) to both Senate-confirmed and Acting IGs informing them of their dismissal. Of those, 14 Senate-confirmed IGs holding 15 IG positions left federal government service. 1 individual with career status remained in the Acting IG role and 1 individual with career status returned to a career position. Between February and December 2025, the President removed 2 confirmed Inspectors General and 6 Acting Inspectors General via a 30-day letter, as required under the Inspector General Act, to Congress notifying them of the dismissals and replacement.

## JANUARY 24

### 14 Confirmed IGs removed

1. Department of Defense, Robert Storch
2. Department of Education, Sandra Bruce
3. Department of Energy, Teri Donaldson
4. Department of Health and Human Services, Christi Grimm
5. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rae Oliver Davis
6. Department of Interior, Mark Greenblatt
7. Department of Labor, Larry Turne
8. Department of State, Cardell Richardson
9. Department of Transportation, Eric Soskin
10. Environmental Protection Agency, Sean O'Donnell
11. Office of Personnel Management, Krista Boyd
12. Small Business Administration, Mike Ware
13. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Phyllis Fong
14. Veteran's Administration, Mike Missal

### 3 Acting IGs replaced

15. Social Security Administration, Mike Ware (*also removed from permanent IG position at Small Business Administration*)
16. Department of Commerce, Jill Baisinger (*returned to her prior position at the Department of the Interior OIG*)
17. Department of Treasury, Loren Sciarba (*became Acting IG after the retirement of the former Acting on 12/31/24; he ultimately remained in his position, fulfilling the duties of the IG.*)

**17** Emails sent notifying confirmed and Acting IGs of their dismissals

**16** Confirmed and Acting IG positions vacated

**14** IGs left government service

## 15 FEBRUARY

**U.S. Agency for International Development, IG [Paul Martin](#)** was removed after he issued a report concluding that the administration's attempts to dismantle USAID could lead to taxpayer-funded humanitarian assistance unintentionally being sent to terrorist groups and warning over \$489 million in food assistance could spoil.

## 4 JUNE

1. **Department of Education, Acting IG [René Rocque](#)**. On May 23, 2025, Rocque notified Congress that her office faced "unreasonable denials and repeated delays" in receiving information, documents, and access to staff for interviews. On [June 4](#), the President sent a 30-day letter to Congress. She was replaced in July by Heidi Semman, a Senior Special Agent at the Federal Reserve Board OIG.
2. **Department of Commerce, Acting IG [Roderick Anderson](#)**. The President sent a 30-day letter to Congress on [June 4](#). Anderson was replaced in July by Duane Townsend, a Special Agent in Charge at the Department of Commerce.

## 7 JULY

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Acting IG [Stephen Begg](#)**. The President sent a 30-day letter to Congress on [July 7](#). In August 2025, Begg was replaced by Brian Harrison, the Acting Deputy AIG for Investigations at the Department of HUD.

## 29 SEPTEMBER

**Department of Justice, Acting IG [William Blier](#)**. The President sent a 30-day letter to Congress on [September 29](#). Blier was replaced by Don R. Berthiaume, Jr., Senior Counsel to the Inspector General at HUD.

## 15 OCTOBER

**Export-Import Bank, IG [Parisa Salehi](#)**

## 4 NOVEMBER

**Federal Housing Finance Agency, Acting IG [Joe Allen](#)**. Allen was removed after sharing information with the office investigating New York Attorney General Letitia James for mortgage fraud. He was also planning to exercise his obligation to notify Congress that the agency was not cooperating with IG investigators. Allen was temporarily replaced by James Lisle, an Audit Director. The President sent a 30-day letter to Congress on [December 1](#) designating Christian Shrank, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General as the new Acting IG.

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**Department of Education, Acting IG [Heidi Semann](#)**. On [November 7](#), the President sent a 30-day letter to Congress. In December 2025, Semann was replaced by [Mark Elmer Priebe](#), the Director of the Department of Education OIG's Non-Federal Audit Team and National Single Audit Coordinator.

Trump dismissed [five IGs](#) in April and May of 2020, during his first term as President, including the Intelligence Community IG Michael Atkinson on April 3, Department of Defense Acting IG Glenn Fine on April 7, Health and Human Services Acting IG Christi Grimm on May 1, Department of Transportation Acting IG Mitch Behm on May 15, and Department of State IG Steve Linick on May 15.