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Via Electronic Mail

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**Re: Massachusetts Environmental Police Details Worked at Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation Facilities**

Dear Secretary Tepper, Commissioner Arrigo and Colonel Santos:

Thank you for your letter dated July 29, 2024 in response to our findings released on May 30, 2024 related to the Massachusetts Environmental Police (MEP) law enforcement shifts worked at Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) parks and pools.

The OIG has reviewed the clarifications that you provided in your letter. We have taken the additional information included in the clarifications under advisement and have determined that they do not change our reported findings.

The OIG appreciates your stated commitment to explore the creation of a non-financial Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) or other agreement to ensure transparency and accountability with regards to law enforcement details through reasonable controls. In support of this remedial action, the OIG has contacted the Office of the Comptroller to ask that they assist in this matter. The OIG has also shared our findings letter with the Office of the Comptroller as a

reference. Kristine Hill-Jones, Assistant Comptroller, has offered to assist you in the establishment of a non-financial ISA that would meet the needs of all parties involved.

If you have any questions, please contact George Xenakis, director of the OIG's Audit, Oversight and Investigations Division, at 617-722-8853 or George.Xenakis@mass.gov. The OIG will plan to reconnect with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, DCR and MEP in approximately one year to review the status of the remedial actions implemented.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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