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David B. Mahr  
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Dear Mr. Mahr:

As you know, the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General (OIG) reviewed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-funded U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Port Security Grant (PSG) awarded to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA).

The OIG is reviewing ARRA-related grants to identify potential vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, and abuse and other risks that could negatively impact the accountability, transparency, and anti-fraud mandates contained in the statutory language and interpretive guidance of ARRA. Our review of the provided documents should not be construed as an audit, investigation, or a comprehensive programmatic review. The OIG intends these reviews to assist recipients of ARRA funding identify and address risks.

EOEEA used ARRA funds to:

- Purchase one 31' SAFE boat equipped with a Voyager II Forward-Looking Infrared (F.L.I.R.) and 15" display for the Massachusetts Environmental Police (\$481,845.943); and
- Partially fund the upgrade of the dockage capabilities at the New Bedford State Pier (\$203,030).

The OIG reviewed EOEEA's procurement methods, contract oversight practices, and grant monitoring process and found them satisfactory. The OIG also confirmed by

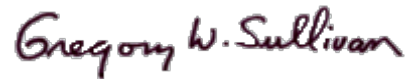
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observation that the dock renovations had been made and viewed digital images provided by EOEEA that confirmed the boat is in EOEEA's possession.

EOEEA appears to have adequate capacity to address the accountability, transparency, and anti-fraud, waste and abuse mandates of this ARRA-funded program.

We appreciate your cooperation with this review. Please do not hesitate to contact the OIG with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gregory W. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gregory W. Sullivan  
Inspector General

cc: Debra Thomas, DEP  
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