



August 19, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: DANIEL T. GRESH
Chair and Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge
Benefits Review Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura B. Nicolosi".

FROM: LAURA B. NICOLOSI
Assistant Inspector General
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SUBJECT: Benefits Review Board Case
Processing
Project No. 17-P25-001-01-001

Please be advised that the Office of Inspector General is initiating a review of the Benefit Review Board's adjudication of worker's compensation appeal claims arising under the Longshore and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, including the Defense Base Act and the Black Lung Benefits amendments to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. This project will focus on the Benefit Review Board's efforts to expeditiously adjudicate appeals and reduce any backlog of cases.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the objective and scope of this project. We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Katz, Audit Director, at (202) 210-0769, or katz.tracy@oig.dol.gov.