

APPENDIX D

Agency Response to Draft Report

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SUBJECT: Oconaluftee Job Corps Center Audit
26-07-001-01-370

Thank you for the comprehensive work that your office put forth in conducting a performance audit of the Oconaluftee Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center. On March 22, 2007 the National Office of Job Corps temporarily closed the Oconaluftee Job Corps Center, due to concerns about student health and safety. Repeated Regional Office assessments and monitoring trips identified significant shortcomings in the Oconaluftee Center's ability to provide for the safety and security of the students on-center. The Office of Job Corps, the National Park Service and other appropriate offices will be meeting to develop a course of action for the Oconaluftee Center.

The Office of Job Corps concurs with your recommendations and will work with the National Park Service to recover the appropriate funds as feasible. Job Corps appreciates the OIG bringing these infractions to light and will institute more rigorous monitoring by the National and Regional offices of all Job Corps centers, especially those operated by other Federal agencies.

Thank you for your time and commitment to improving the Job Corps program.