

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) continued to improve financial management in fiscal year (FY) 2011 and has reduced the number of significant deficiencies identified in FY 2010 from six to four in FY 2011.

DHS Response

CBP agreed with the Independent Public Accountant's unqualified opinion on its FY 2011 consolidated financial statements. CBP concurs with the one material weakness and the three significant deficiencies. Mission Action Plans outlining CBP's strategy to correct these conditions have been prepared and CBP will work to resolve all auditor identified weaknesses.

Independent Auditors' Report on U.S. Customs and Border Protection's FY 2011 Financial Statements

What We Determined

The independent public accounting firm KPMG LLP (KPMG), CBP's financial statement auditor, has issued a "unqualified" opinion regarding CBP's consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

The report discusses four significant deficiencies in internal control, one of which is considered a material weakness. KPMG's review did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations.

What We Recommend

KPMG made 21 recommendations to help improve significant deficiencies in internal control, one of which is considered a material weakness. The recommendations address issues related to:

Significant Deficiency that is considered to be a material weakness

A. Drawback of Duties, Taxes, and Fees

Other Significant Deficiencies

B. Property, Plant, and Equipment

C. Entry Process

D. Information Technology

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