# Spotlight

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### Why This Matters

Internal control deficiencies in programs and processes could lead to misstatements in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) financial statements. Also, these deficiencies could impair effective monitoring and execution of Federal programs.

## Science and Technology Directorate's Management Letter for FY 2011 DHS Consolidated Financial Statements Audit

## What We Determined

KPMG LLP reviewed Science and Technology Directorate's (S&T) internal control over financial reporting. The management letter discusses four observations related to internal control and other operational matters for management's consideration. KPMG LLP noted the untimely recording of transactions and inadequate and insufficient internal controls over various S&T policies and procedures. These issues did not meet the criteria to be reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on DHS' FY 2011 Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting, dated November 11, 2011, included in the Department of Homeland Security FY 2011 Annual Financial Report. These observations are intended to improve internal control or result in other operating efficiencies.

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