



PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Semiannual Report to Congress

Management's Response to the OIG Semiannual Report:

April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

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The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) remains dedicated to enhancing the retirement security of over 31 million American workers, retirees, and beneficiaries. We are committed to ethically and effectively carrying out the agency's critical mission and ensuring the agency's employees and contractors operate responsibly, transparently, and in accordance with the law. Through its dedicated, independent work, PBGC's Office of Inspector General (OIG) is important to our continued success in serving the public. PBGC continues to work diligently to address OIG's recommendations.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), enacted on March 11, 2021, established a new Special Financial Assistance Program (SFA), funded by taxpayer funds. As of September 30, 2023, PBGC approved applications from 65 plans for a total of \$53.5 billion in taxpayer funded assistance. In addition, 25 applications were under review requesting funds of \$8.5 billion.

PBGC appreciates the work that OIG has done in reviewing the risk environment of the SFA Program. PBGC has developed internal controls to maintain our high standards of stewardship, accountability, and integrity. Additionally, PBGC continues to develop processes and procedures for reviewing multiemployer plans that have received SFA. PBGC management continues to assess whether existing processes are commensurate with the risk context and will mitigate risks to the extent possible. We value OIG's role and working relationship to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

Over the last 49 years, PBGC has worked diligently to preserve plans, protect plan participants, and ensure participants in trustee plans and their beneficiaries receive timely, uninterrupted benefits. Last year, PBGC attained its 30th consecutive unmodified audit opinion and maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting.

Table 1 presents resolved audit reports over twelve months old with recommendations that remain open. I am pleased to report that PBGC has closed more than 81 percent of the recommendations in these reports. Table 2 summarizes OIG reports requiring final action.

Our ongoing work with Congress, the PBGC Board, and our OIG is critical to carrying out PBGC's vital mission. We remain committed to enhancing internal controls and operations to better protect the workers and retirees we serve.

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Table 1

**Management Statement on Resolved Audit Reports Over Twelve Months Old
With Final Action Pending as of September 30, 2023**

Date Issued	Report No.	Title of Report	Status of Management Actions
12/08/2020	2021-01	Internal Controls Must be Strengthened to Promote Procurement Integrity	Of the three recommendations included in the report, two recommendations have closed. The remaining recommendation is in process.
12/09/2020	2021-02	FY 2020 Financial Statement Audit – General-purpose financial statements of the Single-Employer program and Multiemployer program, including the related notes	Of the 10 recommendations included in the report, nine have closed. The remaining recommendation is in process.
02/01/2021	2021-06	FY 2020 Financial Statement Audit - Management Letter Report	Of the nine recommendations included in the report, seven have closed. Subsequent to the reporting period, one recommendation was closed. The remaining is in process.
01/14/2022	2022-06	FY 2021 Financial Statement Audit - Management Letter Report	Of the four recommendations included in the report, two remain in process. Subsequent to the reporting period, two recommendations were closed.

Table 2
Management Statement on OIG Reports Requiring Final Action
For the Period Ending September 30, 2023

	Ref. 5a U.S.C. 5(b)(2)(A)-(D)	Number of Reports	Disallowed Costs	Funds Put to Better Use
A.	For which final action had not been taken by the commencement of the reporting period.	13	\$ -	\$ -
B.	For which management decisions were made during the reporting period.	2*	\$ -	\$ -
C.	For which final action had been taken by the end of the reporting period, including — i. dollar value of disallowed costs that were recovered by management ii. dollar value of disallowed costs that were written off by management iii. dollar value of recommendations that were actually completed iv. dollar value of recommendations that management has subsequently concluded should not or could not be implemented or completed No. of reports for which final action was taken during the period.	4	\$ -	
D.	For which no final action has been made by the end of the reporting period.	11	\$ -	\$ -

* During the reporting period, the OIG issued four (4) reports, two (2) of which contained recommendations.