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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson:

This is in response to your December 4, 2019, letter requesting that the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General conduct a review of the \$400 million contract the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) awarded to Fisher Sand and Gravel Co. to design and build border infrastructure in Yuma County, Arizona.

In your letter, you raised concerns about the possibility of inappropriate influence on USACE's contracting decision, and questioned whether the bid submitted by Fisher Sand and Gravel Co. met solicitation standards. You also questioned whether USACE made the award in accordance with federal procurement law and regulations.

In response to your request, we have decided to initiate an audit of the solicitation and award of this contract. We are assessing the methodology of that audit and will formally announce the audit soon. We will provide you a copy of our audit report when it is completed.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me or Michael C. Zola, Assistant Inspector General for the Office of Legislative Affairs and Communications, at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Fine".

Glenn A. Fine
Principal Deputy Inspector General
Performing the Duties of the Inspector General

cc:

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member