Office of the County Internal Auditor

2024 Quality Review



Government Auditing Standards



United States Government Accountability Office

By the Comptroller General of the
United States

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GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Technical Update April 2021

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The audit organization should analyze and summarize the results of its monitoring process at least annually, with identification of any systemic or repetitive issues needing improvement, along with recommendations for corrective action.

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System of Quality Control



Annual independence and compliance statements



Procedures for adopting an audit plan



Minimum qualifications for staff



Procedures to document continuing professional education



Policies and procedures for conducting audits



Indexing report to evidence and second review



System of Quality Control



Engagement checklist for each audit



Review by County Internal Auditor annually



Outside peer review every three years



2024 Quality Review Results



Systems working as intended.



One audit missing engagement checklist. Probably due to information system transfer. Checklist conducted and audit met all requirements.



Elizabeth forgot to sign annual independence statement. Signed in January. No impairments. Created Outlook reminder.



New Government Auditing Standards

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2024 Revision

Released February 1, 2024

Implementation December 15, 2025

Risk-based approach to quality management

(Also thinking about risk because of staffing changes.)



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New: Quality Management

Risk-based approach

Risks to these objectives

- Governance and leadership
- Independence, legal, and ethical requirements
- Acceptance, initiation, and continuance of engagements
- Engagement Performance
- Resources
- Information and communication

Design a system to mitigate for risks identified





Supervision

- directing and guiding staff in performing work
- complying with standards,
- staying informed about significant problems encountered during an audit,
- reviewing work performed before a report is issued,
- providing on-the-job training



Supervision





None Rely on experience





2 people (or 1.5)

Some Rely on each other





Good Dedicated Supervisor





Engagement Review

Gold standard is an **Engagement Review**.

A person not involved in the audit checks all facts and conclusions for sufficient and appropriate evidence. In large audit shops, a team may be dedicated solely to engagement review.



Engagement Review



1 person

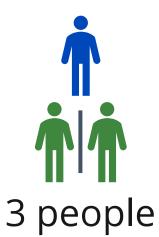
Due to
vacancy or
leave

Self review



2 people (or 1.5)

Second review. Not independent



Independent review possible







