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Re: File ID No. 2011-073, April 4, 2012 Report – Ohio Department of Health
Agency Response

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

Thank you for completing an investigation into the allegations we referred to you regarding suspected illegal activity by former Ohio Department of Health (ODH) employee William Tiedemann. The Office of Inspector General's April 4, 2012 report made two recommendations and asks the Ohio Department of Health to respond within 60 days with a plan detailing how the recommendations will be implemented. The Ohio Department of Health would like to offer the following response to the recommendations contained in your report.

1. Review the actions of all employees involved to determine whether their conduct warrants administrative action or training.

Response: After consultation with the Columbus City Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio Ethics Commission, the department has recently commenced its administrative investigation concerning this matter as it relates to the two current ODH employees. The investigation is ongoing and the department will share the outcome of the investigation with the Office of the Inspector General and the Ohio Ethics Commission.

2. Review the ethics laws with department employees to assure compliance.

Response: The department currently conducts annual ethics training for all employees. In its next training, the department plans to specifically focus on conflicts of interest and the prohibitions against soliciting or accepting gifts, meals, travel expenses, or anything of substantial value from parties interested in, regulated by, or seeking to do business with the department.

We again thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Lance Himes, General Counsel, at (614) 466-4882.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Wymyslo, M.D.
Director

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