



DHS OIG HIGHLIGHTS

Covert Testing of Access Controls to Airport Secure Areas

Unclassified Summary

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The objective was to determine whether TSA implemented proper procedures to safeguard the secure areas of our Nation's airports and whether airports, aircraft operators, and contractors were complying with TSA's security requirements to control access to these areas. We identified vulnerabilities with various airport access control points and associated access control procedures. Details related to our testing results presented in the report are classified or designated Sensitive Security Information.

We made six recommendations related to standard operating procedures, deployment of new technology, identification of industry best practices, and training. Our recommendations, when implemented, should help TSA and airports better safeguard secure airport areas. TSA management concurred with all six recommendations.

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