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AVIATION BOARD RENEGES ON AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLEDGES

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a report on a Follow-up review of a 2009 review of the New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB) Vehicle Fleet. In 2009 the NOAB promised to implement all of the auditors' nine recommendations. A Follow-up review determined that NOAB implemented only 2 of the 9 recommendations.

The NOAB did not have effective controls over fuel use and records, did not properly record or report personal use of take-home vehicles, and did not use the proper method to calculate the value of the fringe benefit of the take home vehicles. NOAB purchased but did not use a fuel monitoring and tracking system, did not comply with City requirements for inventory, and did not have controls in place over the disposal of vehicles. The NOAB did decrease the number of take home vehicles substantially.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "We always perform follow-up reviews to assess whether the audited entity fulfilled the promises made in response to a report. This follow-up review indicates that the NOAB, despite statements to the contrary, has continued to avoid the task of managing its vehicular assets. The OIG will review these findings with the NOAB in 2012."

The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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