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CITY NEEDS BETTER MANAGEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General today released a report titled "Evaluation of the City's Workers' Compensation Program."

The evaluation examined the City's management and oversight of its self-insured workers' compensation program between 2008 and 2011; a period during which the City spent an average of \$16 million in workers' compensation expenses per year.

The analysis showed that the City did not effectively manage its workers' compensation program and did not exercise oversight of the program commensurate with its financial impact.

"If the City is going to self-insure," said Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux, "it needs to behave like an insurance company and reduce risk by implementing a comprehensive safety program designed to prevent employee injuries."

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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