



## Hurricane Sandy Oversight

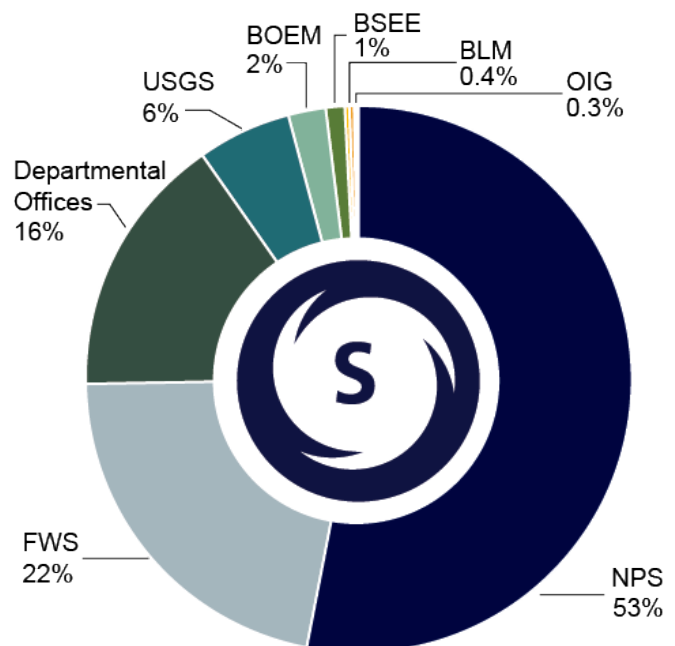
We completed 25 oversight projects related to the \$787 million in funding the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Pub. L. No. 113-2) provided to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) for Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts.

Hurricane Sandy struck the mid-Atlantic and northeastern coastlines in October 2012. It was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season.

Our office received \$2.4 million for oversight of DOI contracts and grants related to Hurricane Sandy cleanup efforts. We completed 16 audits, 7 management advisories, and 2 inspections, resulting in \$14.56 million in questioned costs and \$1.7 million in funds recovered. We made and closed 83 recommendations.



### DOI received \$787 million



### Key finding areas and number of associated recommendations:

- **Pre-Award Process and Contractor/Grantee Selection (10 recommendations):** inadequate competition, lack of independent Government cost estimate, and insufficient risk assessments.
- **Insufficient Policies and Compliance Issues by Contractors/Grantees (15 recommendations):** deficient accounting systems, commingling of funds, insufficient policies and procedures, and noncompliance with contract or grant terms.
- **Unsupported Expenses (34 recommendations):** inadequate timesheets, equipment purchased without sufficient documentation, and travel without required justifications.
- **Post-Award Monitoring and Administration (24 recommendations):** inadequate monitoring of (sub)contractor or (sub)grantee activity, failure to submit required reports, inadequate recordkeeping, and inadequate invoice reviews.

Financial awards for disaster response are higher risk because they are often awarded quickly, add unplanned work for awarding officials and staff, and can be awarded without competitive bidding. These factors all require careful oversight of award administration and management.

### Key DOI recovery effort locations reviewed:

- Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island National Monument
- Edwin B. Forsythe National Refuge
- Gateway National Recreation Area
- Fire Island National Seashore

## Published DOI OIG Hurricane Sandy Oversight Reports

[Weaknesses in U.S. Department of the Interior's Oversight of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resilience Competitive Grants Program](#) | Report No. 2023-CGD-028 | May 2025

[The Chicago Horticultural Society Should Improve Its Financial Management System to Receive Federal Funds](#) | Report No. 2017-FIN-053 | April 2020

[The National Park Service and City Construction, LLC, Complied With the Terms of Contract No. P16PC00558](#) | Report No. 2017-FIN-031 | August 2018

[Summary of Hurricane Sandy Audit and Inspection Reports and Management Advisories](#) | Report No. 2017-FIN-057 | April 2018

[Audit of Grant No. P13AF00113 Between the National Park Service and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](#) | Report No. 2017-FIN-032 | January 2018

[Issues Identified During Our Audit of Grant No. P13AF00113 Between the National Park Service and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](#) | Report No 2017-FIN-032-A | January 2018

[Audit of National Park Service Contract P15PC00612 with Kane Communications, LLC](#) | Report No. 2016-CG-033 | March 2017

[Issues Identified During Our Compliance Audit of Kane Communications, LLC, on Contract No. P15PC00612 with National Park Service](#) | Report No. 2016-CG-033-A | March 2017

[Audit of Task Agreement Nos. P13AC00279, P13AC01094, and P14AC00445 Between the National Park Service and the Student Conservation Association Under Cooperative Agreement No. P09AC00402](#) | Report No. 2015-ER-061 | February 2017

[National Park Service Task Agreement Nos. P13AC00875 and P13AC00891 With the University of Rhode Island](#) | Report No. 2015-WR-084 | September 2016

[Interim Costs Claimed by Dewberry and Davis Under Contract Nos. INF15PB000057 and INF15PB000059 With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. 2016-CG-031 | August 2016

[Issues Identified During Our Audit of Interim Costs Claimed by Dewberry and Davis on Contract Nos. INF15PB000057 and INF15PB000059 With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. 2016-CG-031-A | August 2016

[Issues Identified During our Audit of Interim Costs Claimed by Donjon Marine Company, Inc., Under Contract No. INF14PD01909 and our Audit of Interim Costs Claimed by Clean Venture Inc., Under Contract No. INF14D01910 with the Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. 2015-ER-022-A | August 2016

[Interim Costs Claimed by Clean Venture Incorporated, Under Contract No. INF14D01910 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. 2015-ER-023 | July 2016

[Internal Control Review of Student Conservation Association, Inc.](#) | Report No. 2015-ER-056 | May 2016

[Issues Identified During Our Audit of Interim Costs Claimed by Coastal Environmental Group, Under Contract Nos. INF13PC00214 and INF13PC00195 With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. X-CX-FWS-0003-2014 | May 2016

[Interim Costs Claimed by Coastal Environmental Group, Under Contract Nos. INF13PC00214 and INF13PC00195 With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) | Report No. X-CX-FWS-0002-2014 | May 2016



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