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## COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN TESTIFIES AT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT, INTEGRATION AND OVERSIGHT

Regarding 9/11 Federal Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control

DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN testifies today about DOI's proactive role in deterring and detecting waste and corruption during the emergency cleanup of the World Trade Center site, which was unprecedented in size and scope.

DOI's on-site integrity monitors conducted physical surveillance and audited the various contractors' bills to foster a culture of legal compliance and ensure accountability for the public money spent on the cleanup. The monitors recommended cost savings exceeding \$47 million.

The Subcommittee is gathering facts that will be used to put the best possible anti-fraud/waste procedures into place for future emergencies, particularly after the experience of Hurricane Katrina, and is interested in the proactive measures that New York City implemented in managing the emergency cleanup of the WTC site.

A printed copy of Commissioner Gill Hearn's statement is available from the DOI press office.