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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Inspection Agency of the Department of the Air Force (AFIA). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility using the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Air Force Instruction 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and are disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This publication has been revised to account for the establishment of the United States Space Force within the Department of the Air Force and to reflect the Inspection Agency's reorganization, which realigned resources to support its current and expanding mission.

**1. Mission.** AFIA reinforces high-end readiness and critical compliance through independent inspection, evaluation, oversight, reporting, and analysis to improve mission effectiveness at all DAF levels. Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 90-302, *The Inspection System of the Department of the Air Force*, outlines AFIA's responsibilities to evaluate DAF activities and policies, identify deficiencies, and recommend improvements for all DAF missions and force-readiness areas.

**2. Organizational and Command Structure.** The Inspection Agency reports directly to the SecAF Office of the Inspector General (SAF/IG). It is comprised of seven directorates: Enterprise Support (AFIA/ET), Inspections (AFIA/ID), Medical Operations (AFIA/SG), Mission Support (AFIA/MS), Nuclear Inspections (AFIA/NI), Oversight (AFIA/OV), and Space Inspections (AFIA/IS).

**3. Responsibilities.** AFIA:

3.1. Consolidates and reports statutory information to Congress and the Department of Defense (DoD).

3.2. Collaborates with Headquarters, Department of the Air Force (HAF) staff, including the Secretariat, Air Staff, and Office of the Chief of Space Operations (Space Staff), Major Commands (MAJCOMs), and Field Commands (FLDCOMs), as applicable, on policies and procedures pertaining to DAF inspections.

3.3. Integrates medical inspectors with MAJCOM and FLDCOM IG teams, as required.

3.4. Inspects radioactive material permits issued to authorized DAF users under the master materials license granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and 91(b) permits issued by the Air Force Safety Center.

3.5. Provides oversight of MAJCOM-conducted Nuclear Surety Inspections (NSI), initial NSIs (INSI), and Nuclear Readiness Exercise Validations (NREV) to assess MAJCOM Inspector General (IG) performance and provide The Inspector General (TIG), Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF), and SecAF an independent perspective of the safety, security, and reliability of units and nuclear weapons.

3.6. Provides subject-matter expertise related to training, inspections, and other activities directed or supported by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 3263.05, *Nuclear Weapons Technical Inspections*.

3.7. Integrates nuclear inspectors with MAJCOM IG teams.

3.8. Conducts oversight inspections of MAJCOM and FLDCOM IG teams' planning and execution of all inspection types and Readiness Exercise Validations, providing feedback to IGs and SAF/IG to improve processes across the Inspection System.

3.9. Conducts Unit Effectiveness, Headquarters, statutory, and Special Interest Item (SII) inspections, and readiness assessments of HAF-level FOAs and Direct Reporting Units (DRU).

3.10. Conducts Mission Thread Assessments (MTA) of USSF mission areas and provides TIG, Chief of Space Operations (CSO), and SecAF an independent perspective of USSF capability to organize, train and equip threat-informed space capabilities.

3.11. When directed, evaluates and reports on high-impact, high-visibility programs that are of significant interest to SecAF, CSAF, CSO, or TIG.

3.12. Conducts DAF-wide inspection-based trend analysis to identify systemic deficiencies.

3.13. Provides standardized inspection training for DAF IG inspectors and IG augmentees.

3.14. Manages The Inspector General's Information and Inspection Reporting System—a collection of information technology systems and capabilities that provide inspection scheduling, planning, execution, and post-inspection analysis and reporting.

3.15. Serves as the DAF Gatekeeper to enable centralized inspection scheduling, including Air Force, Space Force, and all inspection activities by external, non-DAF entities.

3.16. Maintains an appropriate staff to provide legal reviews and recommendations to the command team, computer and communications support, and plan, program, budget, contract, execute, and manage resources and activities associated with organizations under The Inspection Agency's command code.

**4. Direct Communication.** AFIA communicates directly with HAF staff, including the Secretariat, Air Staff, and Office of the Chief of Space Operations (Space Staff), MAJCOMs, FLDCOMs, Numbered Air Forces, FOAs, DRUs, the National Guard Bureau, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve, DAF units and installations, sister services, the DoD, and other government agencies on matters of direct interest to TIG and/or AFIA's mission areas and responsibilities.

**5. Relationships with Other Units or Agencies.** AFIA may coordinate directly with other agencies to avoid duplication of effort, increase mission effectiveness, and promote collaboration and mutual support of inspections, audits, and training activities.

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

CJCSI 3263.05E, *Nuclear Weapons Technical Inspections*, 28 September 2020 (Limited Releasability)

DAFI 90-302, *The Inspection System of the Department of the Air Force*, 15 March 2023

DAFPD 90-3, *Inspector General*, 3 February 2021

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 23 March 2020

***Prescribed Forms***

None

***Adopted Forms***

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**AFIA**—The Inspection Agency of the Department of the Air Force

**CJCSI**—Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction

**DAF**—Department of the Air Force

**DAFI**—Department of the Air Force Instruction

**DoD**—Department of Defense

**DRU**—Direct Reporting Unit

**FLDCOM**—Field Command

**FOA**—Field Operating Agency

**HAF**—Headquarters Air Force

**IG**—Inspector General

**INSI**—Initial Nuclear Surety Inspection

**MAJCOM**—Major Command

**MTA**—Mission Thread Assessment

**NREV**—Nuclear Readiness Evaluation

**NSI**—Nuclear Surety Inspection

**OPR**—Office of Primary Responsibility

**SII**—Special Interest Item

**USAF**—United States Air Force

USSF—United States Space Force

*Office Symbols*

AFIA/ET—The Inspection Agency, Enterprise Support

AFIA/ID—The Inspection Agency, Inspections

AFIA/IS—The Inspection Agency, Space Inspections

AFIA/MS—The Inspection Agency, Mission Support

AFIA/NI—The Inspection Agency, Nuclear Inspections

AFIA/OV—The Inspection Agency, Oversight

AFIA/SG—The Inspection Agency, Medical Operations

CSAF—Chief of Staff of the Air Force

CSO—Chief of Space Operations

SecAF—Secretary of the Air Force

SAF/IG—Secretary of the Air Force, Inspector General

TIG—The Inspector General

*Terms*

**Critical Compliance**—Specific areas/items that will be inspected due to their high-level interest from DAF senior leaders, DoD and/or Congress. These areas/items, if not in compliance may:

- 1 - Result in serious injury or death of Airmen/Guardians.
- 2 - Result in damage to or loss of equipment or property.
- 3 - Impact Airmen/Guardians with increased HAF-level or higher interest.

**Deficiency**—An inspection finding validated against established guidance by an IG.

**Mission Thread Assessment**—A CSO-directed, independent review of USSF capability to organize, train and equip unit to execute specific space missions in a contested, degraded and operationally-limited environment.

**Nuclear Surety Inspection**—A compliance-based inspection conducted to evaluate a unit's ability to manage nuclear resources while complying with nuclear surety standards.