

Oversight of the Nuclear Surety Inspections Conducted in the Aftermath of the B-52 Incident

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As a result of the August 31, 2007 “B-52 Weapons Transfer Incident,” the secretary of the Air Force and the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Armed Service Committee asked DoD IG to provide oversight of the Limited Nuclear Surety Inspection conducted at 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB and the Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection conducted at the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB to ensure that the Air Force was conducting a fair and thorough review of the relevant issues. The report concluded that while the inspections were thorough, professional and conducted in accordance with applicable policies and standards, they produced strong indications of systemic issues with the Air Force nuclear enterprise.



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