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Reviewing Strategic Reassessment documentation, I could not find discussion of the Office of Investigations (OI). It may be that OI is broadly addressed under "Enhancing Regulatory Excellence."

I recommend that the function, organization and products of OI receive a review as part of the Strategic Reassessment.

Direction setting questions such as: the optimal organization of OI (Headquarters-based versus Regional-based), central focus of investigations (safety versus "wrongdoing"), format of investigation reports, distribution and availability of investigation reports, the need for transcribed interviews, level of review for reports, appropriate job classification of investigators performing non-criminal investigations (no arrest powers or weapons requirements), report timeliness requirements, etc. could easily be developed.

Investigations are important; the Commission should determine if OI is meeting the needs of the NRC as part of the Strategic Reassessment.

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