

[MSHA unveils new website; seeks feedback](#) (**Safety and Health**) The Mine Safety and Health Administration is looking for feedback on its new website.

[OSHA Releases FY 2015 Stats Showing An Increase In Whistleblower Claims](#) (**National Law Review**) According to figures recently released by OSHA, there has been a general increase in the number of whistleblower cases filed in fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015), in comparison to the number of cases filed in FY 2014.

OIG Community Wide Interest

[The Pentagon's top watchdog is resigning](#) (**Washington Post**) Jon Rymer, the Pentagon's Inspector General, announced his resignation Monday, saying he planned to return to the private sector.

[Federal wastebook targets year-end spending, \\$300K matchmaking study](#) (**Federal News Radio**) A \$2.6 million National Institutes of Health weight loss program for truck drivers. A \$283,500 Defense Department study on the daily activities of a "gnatcatcher."

[Revamping IRS Electronic Fraud Detection Could Waste \\$18 Million a Year](#) (**Gov Exec**) The Internal Revenue Service's attempt to update its fraud detection system could wind up wasting millions of dollars a year, a new audit finds.

[Pentagon Inspector General Jon Rymer resigning in January](#) (**Military Times**) The Defense Department's inspector general is stepping down after a little more than two years on the job.

Gov't Wide Interest

[Obama Calls for 1.3 Percent Raise With Locality Pay](#) (**Daily Labor Report**) Under an alternative pay schedule issued by President Barack Obama Nov. 30, federal employees in January would receive an average pay increase of 1.3 percent, including a 1 percent across-the-board pay increase and a 0.3 percent locality pay increase.

[McCarthy predicts no gov't shutdown over Planned Parenthood](#) (**Federal News Radio**) A top House leader predicted Monday that Washington will avoid stumbling into a government shutdown next week over a tea party-backed drive to take away Planned Parenthood's funding.

[Lawmakers Ask If Policy Limiting 'Burrowing In' Of Political Appointees Has Worked](#) (**Gov Exec**) Four Republican lawmakers on Monday asked the Government Accountability Office to review whether a 2010 policy designed to limit the "burrowing in" of political appointees to career civil service jobs has been effective.