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Inspector General Randall J. Meyer  
Office of the Inspector General  
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: File ID No. 2018-CA00020  
Response to Report of Investigation Report Issued October 23, 2018  
Subject: Brenda Branum

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("BWC") hereby responds to the recommendations contained in your Investigation Report of Brenda Branum issued October 23, 2018. ("Report").

Recommendation #1: Review the conduct of the employee identified in this report and determine whether administrative action is warranted.

**Response: BWC has reviewed the Report of Investigation and initiated an administrative investigation into the matter. After the investigation, Ms. Branum's employment with the BWC was terminated on November 16, 2018 in accordance with the BWC's Disciplinary Policy and the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

Recommendation #2: Review with employees the importance of following the CPI policy, specifically by noting the business reason for accessing a claim. Also, consider adding to the CPI policy that there can be no permissible business reason under the CPI policy if the COEMP policy precludes any access of the claim by the employee.

**Response: The BWC will continue to provide employees with CPI training. The BWC will periodically review and, as necessary, update its policies relating to CPI and accessing sensitive information.**

Recommendation #3: Review with employees the requirements listed in the COEMP and Special Handling Claims policy.

**Response: The BWC will continue to provide employees with COEMP and Special Handling Claims training.**

Sincerely,

Sarah D. Morrison  
BWC Administrator/CEO