

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) today released a report on termination and appeals notice to Witness Security (WitSec) inmate participants. On April 10, 2013, in a concurring opinion related to a claim by a former inmate participant challenging his termination from the WitSec Program, two Judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit expressed concern that the Office of Enforcement Operations (OEO) had failed to comply with procedural guarantees for proposed terminations. The OIG concluded that OEO did not comply with the statutory requirements that the WitSec participant be notified about the reasons for the proposed termination so that the participant can challenge the decision through established procedures. The OIG made one recommendation to ensure that all inmate participants are informed of their procedural rights. The Criminal Division concurred with the recommendation.