Amtrak OIG Shutdown Plan

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This plan outlines the procedures the Amtrak Office of Inspector General will follow in the event of a lapse in appropriations. During a lapse in appropriations, the OIG will suspend its operations and all activities which are not excepted, pursuant to appropriate authority.

Lapse Plan Summary Overview	
Estimated Time (to nearest half day) required to complete shutdown activities:	1 day
Total number of OIG employees expected to be on board before implementation of the plan:	96
Total number of employees to be retained under the plan for each of the following categories:*	
Compensation is financed by a resource other than annual appropriations:	0
Necessary to perform activities expressly authorized by law:	0
Necessary to perform activities necessarily implied by law:	0
Necessary to the discharge of the President's constitutional duties and powers:	0
Necessary to protect life and property	2
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*OIG activities and those directly supporting such activities may be recalled as their services become necessary. A limited number of employees may be identified as excepted based on particular circumstances during a furlough period.

OIG activities that will be suspended during a lapse:

Audits, Investigations, Legal, and Administrative functions (to include Procurement and Administrative Services, Human Capital, Budget and Financial Management, Quality Assurance, and Information Technology) will be suspended during a lapse in appropriations.

OIG oversight activities of Amtrak's programs and operations will be suspended absent oversight duties that the Inspector General deems necessary to the effective execution of Amtrak's functions. Furthermore, in the Inspector General's discretion, certain OIG activities related to the protection of life or property, including law enforcement activities required to ensure the continuity of investigations and prosecutions of entities/individuals that committed fraud and other crimes against Amtrak's programs and operations, may result in the recall of certain OIG employees to an excepted status necessary to perform required functions related to said activities.

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) does not shutdown, cease operations, nor cease transporting passengers during any lapse in appropriation. This includes 24/7 passenger rail operations across 21,000 miles of state-supported, long-distance, and Northeast Corridor routes.