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SUBJECT: USDA's Implementation of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility

The Office of Inspector General performed an audit of U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas. The audit was performed to evaluate the implementation of physical security controls at NBAF. We reviewed relevant documents and interviewed officials responsible for NBAF's physical security. Our audit generally covered fiscal year 2023 through the first quarter of fiscal year 2024. **This report contains sensitive content. It is being withheld from public release due to concerns about the risk of circumvention of law.**

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