

**Dishonest contractors
think you aren't checking
the bills. . .**



Materials Overcharging

Under this fraud scheme, a contractor misrepresents how much construction material was actually used on the job and then is paid for excess material to increase job profit.

**Recognize and Report Fraud in
Federally Funded Programs,
Contracts, and Grants**

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Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Materials Overcharging

- ✓ Discrepancies between contractor-provided quantity documentation and observed data, including yield calculations
- ✓ Refusal or inability to provide supporting documentation
- ✓ Contractor consistently loading job materials into equipment away from inspector oversight
- ✓ Truck weight tickets or plant production records with altered or missing information
- ✓ Photocopies of quantity documentation where originals are expected
- ✓ Irregularities in color or content of weight slips or other contractor documents used to calculate pay quantities
- ✓ No receiving report for invoiced goods
- ✓ Unusually high volume of purchases from one vendor
- ✓ Invoiced goods cannot be located in inventory or accounted for

Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

Online complaint form: www.oig.dot.gov/dot-oig-hotline-complaint-form

Telephone: (800) 424-9071

Fax: (704) 556-0732

E-mail: hotline@oig.dot.gov

Mail: USDOT Inspector General
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Room W73-104A
Washington, DC 20590

Note: The OIG Hotline is obligated to expeditiously forward all safety-related complaints to USDOT’s safety regulatory agencies for action, as appropriate.



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