The Office of Inspector General contracted with the independent public accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP (EY) to audit NASA’s fiscal year (FY) 2021 financial statements. EY performed the audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office’s Government Auditing Standards and the Office of Management and Budget’s Bulletin No. 21-04, Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements.

This audit resulted in a “clean” or unmodified opinion on NASA’s FY 2021 financial statements. An unmodified opinion means the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of NASA’s operations in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

EY also reported on NASA’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations. For FY 2021, EY identified one significant deficiency related to NASA’s evaluation of public-private partnerships for disclosure in the financial statements and no instances of noncompliance.

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