



**FUEL CARD MISUSE**  
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**CASE OIG-I-2015-507**

Over the past six years, we received a number of allegations involving the fraudulent use of Amtrak company cards for unauthorized fuel expenditures. Our investigations identified over \$95,000.00 in fraudulent fuel card transactions - \$37,877.13 by company employees and \$57,424.70 by an individual not employed by the company. To date, these investigations have resulted in criminal charges pursued against five (including one non-Amtrak individual), three employee resignations, one employee dismissal and \$92,615.38 ordered in restitution to Amtrak. For the most part, a number of the fraudulent purchases went undetected by the company, indicating systemic weaknesses in the internal controls over the fuel purchase cards. In February 2015, the OIG recommended to Amtrak management that it review the adequacy of its policy for the use, control and accountability of fuel cards to prevent further misuse. Amtrak management informed the OIG in June 2015 that it agrees with our recommendations; and they will conduct a preliminary assessment to review policy and procedures to better manage and control the use of the fuel cards.