



OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

**UNITED STATES**  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 20, 2019

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Dr. Brett M. Baker */RA/*  
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S  
SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR  
REACTOR SAFETY (OIG-16-A-21)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR  
REGULATION MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 26, 2019

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated July 26, 2019. Based on this response, recommendation 2 remains open and resolved. Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 were previously closed. Please provide a status update for recommendation 2 by January 31, 2020.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915 or Paul Rades, Team Leader, at (301) 415-6228.

Attachment: As stated

cc: C. Haney, OEDO  
D. Jackson, OEDO  
J. Jolicoeur, OEDO  
S. Miotla, OEDO  
RidsEdoMailCenter Resource  
OIG Liaison Resource  
EDO\_ACS Distribution

## Audit Report

### AUDIT OF NRC'S Significance Determination Process for Reactor Safety

OIG-16-A-21

#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Clarify IMC 0612 Appendix B issue screening questions, so that they are readily understood and easily applied.

Agency Response Dated  
July 26, 2019:

Update

The staff has developed a draft revision to IMC 0612 that will address this recommendation. As noted in the staff's previous status update, the staff initially planned to finalize the revision by mid-2019. However, the expected completion date has been delayed due to resources being redirected to support the Reactor Oversight Process enhancement project. The staff now plans to send the draft document out for formal review and comment by August 1, 2019 and finalize the revision by January 1, 2020.

Target date for completion: January 1, 2020

Contact: Anthony D. Masters, NRR/DIRS  
(301) 415-0108

OIG Analysis: The proposed actions meet the intent of this recommendation. OIG will close the recommendation after verifying that changes to the updated inspection guidance support improved inspection issue screening.

**Status:** Open: Resolved.