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MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane  
Executive Director for Operations

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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 JANUARY 22,  
2020

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated January 22, 2020. Based on this response, recommendation 2 is now closed. Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 were previously closed. All recommendations are now closed and no further actions are necessary.

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

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## 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  
January 22, 2020:

Update

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation engaged with the regions to revise IMC 0612 to improve the issue screening guidance. Specifically, a working group was created to revise Appendix B: Additional Issue Screening Guidance and Appendix E: Example of Minor Issues. Clarifying guidance to the screening questions was added and the examples were improved by relating each minor or more than minor answer to a screening question. After the working group drafted the revised documents, they were sent out for comment to the regions and other headquarters offices. Comments received from staff were incorporated in the final documents or otherwise addressed.

IMC 0612, IMC 0612 Appendix B, and IMC 0612 Appendix E were issued on December 23, 2019, with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

**Date of completion:** December 23, 2019

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OIG Analysis: OIG reviewed changes made to the subject inspection guidance, and verified that the revised guidance meets the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation is now closed.

**Status:** Closed.