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MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane  
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S SPECIAL AND  
INFREQUENTLY PERFORMED INSPECTIONS  
(OIG-18-A-13)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR  
REGULATION, MEMORANDUM DATED  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated November 19, 2020. Based on this response, recommendation 1 is closed. Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were previously closed. All recommendations associated with this audit are now closed and no further action is needed.

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 THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S SPECIAL AND INFREQUENTLY PERFORMED INSPECTIONS OIG-18-A-13

#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Update Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2515, “Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program – Operations Phase,” Appendix C, “Special and Infrequently Performed Inspections,” and applicable Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) guidance to reflect the requirement to ensure consistent and periodic reviews of IMC 2515 Appendix C inspection procedures.

Agency Response Dated  
November 19, 2020:

On May 29, 2020, the NRC staff revised IMC 0307, “Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment program,” Appendix A. This revision included aligning the IMC 0307, Appendix A, metric for periodic review of Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) IMCs and Inspection Procedures to the 5-year periodic inspection manual document review requirement in NRR Office Instruction OVRST-102, “NRR Procedures for Processing Inspection Manual Documents.”

On July 23, 2020, the staff revised IMC 0040, “Preparing, Revising and Issuing Documents for the NRC Inspection Manual,” to add a requirement to conduct a periodic review of ROP Inspection Manual documents (consistent with OVRST-102).

On July 23, 2020, the staff revised IMC 2515, Appendix C, to include the following statement: Each inspection procedure in the table below will be reviewed in accordance with the periodicity and process specified in Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0040, “Preparing Revising and Issuing Documents for the NRC Inspection Manual Chapter.” IMC 0307, Appendix A, “Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment Metrics and Data Trending” is used to assess the conduct of this review.

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#### Status of Recommendations

##### Recommendation 1 (cont.)

OIG Analysis:                   OIG reviewed updated IMC 0307, Appendix A, OVRST-102, and IMC 0040 to verify requirements for consistent and periodic reviews of IMC 2515 Appendix C inspection procedures. This recommendation is closed.

**Status:**                        Closed.