

September 30, 2005

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE CARD REVIEW

We have completed our review of Purchase Card transactions completed by the Office of Administration. This is to provide you with the results of our review.

Review Process and Scope

We reviewed two consecutive months and a third randomly selected month of transactions completed by the ADM cardholders from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, to ensure that purchases and requisite record keeping are in compliance with NRC's "Procedures for the Use of the U.S. Government Purchase Card" and applicable laws and regulations. During the course of our review, we also met with the cardholders and approving officials to discuss specific transactions and obtain clarification where needed.

Findings

ADM completed 878 transactions totaling \$491,486.03 during the review period; we reviewed 260 transactions totaling \$156,697.55. We found that the cardholders are using the Purchase Card in accordance with NRC Purchase Card procedures.

Additional Information

The Office of Management of Budget (OMB) has issued new guidance entitled, "Improving Government Charge Card Management" and released as Appendix B to OMB Circular A-123, Management's Responsibility for Internal Control. A copy of the Circular may be obtained from

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