

January 4, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM (OIG-05-A-13)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR SECURITY AND
INCIDENT RESPONSE MEMORANDA DATED
DECEMBER 5, 2005, AND DECEMBER 6, 2005, AND
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES,
MEMORANDUM DATED DECEMBER 15, 2005

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations 8 and 9, as discussed in the agency's responses dated December 5, 2005, December 6, 2005, and December 15, 2005. Based on these responses, recommendations 8 and 9 are closed. Recommendation 13 was closed previously and recommendations 1 through 7 and 10 through 12 remain in resolved status. Please provide an update on all resolved recommendations by January 31, 2006.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915.

Attachment: Status of Recommendations

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 8: Select secure cell phone service plans for the regions and headquarters that provide the best coverage for users in these different geographic locations.

Responses Dated
December 6,
2005, and

December 15, 2005: Staff from the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) and the Office of Information Services (OIS) performed a competitive procurement process and awarded a contract to T-Mobile for providing secure cell phone capability. T-Mobile and Cingular/AT&T are the only two cellular telephone service providers available that provide this service.

A November 14, 2005, memorandum from Roy Zimmerman, NSIR Director, to the NRC Regional Administrators, addressed the steps taken to select a contract vehicle for procuring cellular telephone service. In addition, it outlined the appropriate steps that an office may take if the coverage area from the non-selected provider better meets the needs of the office's area of responsibility.

OIG Analysis: OIG reviewed the guidance sent to the regions in the November 14, 2005, memorandum and determined that it allows the regions and headquarters to select the service plan that best meets their needs. This action addresses the intent of the recommendation. The recommendation is therefore closed.

Status: Closed.

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Recommendation 9: If additional secure cell phones are purchased, select phones that will facilitate the best coverage for users in the regions and headquarters.

Response Dated

December 5, 2005: NSIR conducted an analysis of secure cell phones that can support the type of priority service needed by members of the Continuity of Operations Management Team and other NSIR managers. The analysis determined that the secure cell phone currently used is the only viable option at the present time. NSIR stated that when these phones reach their end-of-life status, and new secure cell phones, or other devices become available, NSIR will coordinate the purchase with OIS to ensure the device selected will best meet the needs of headquarters and regional users.

OIG Analysis: NSIR's analysis of available phones and their suitability for use in conjunction with required priority services, along with NSIR's commitment to make coordinated and optimal phone purchases in the future, addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation is therefore closed.

Status: Closed.