

December 23, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF NRC's
PROTECTION OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION
(OIG-04-A-04)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR SECURITY AND
INCIDENT RESPONSE, MEMORANDUM DATED
OCTOBER 28, 2005

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated October 28, 2005. Based on this information, recommendation 2 is closed. This report is now closed. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Beth Serepca 415-5911.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report
Audit of NRC's Protection of Safeguards Information
OIG-04-A-04

Status of Recommendation

Recommendation 2: Finalize and issue the Safeguards Information designation guidance document currently being developed.

Response dated
October 28, 2005:

All changes that resulted from the 10 CFR Part 73.21, "Requirements for the Protection of Safeguards Information," rulemaking were incorporated into the guide as committed in the staff's May 2005 status update to the OIG (ML051470106). The SGI Designation Guide was signed and approved for publication by the Director, Division of Nuclear Security, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response on September 30, 2005. The guide is in the process of being distributed to NRC offices and other SGI stakeholders as an Official Use Only document. We expect full distribution to be completed by December 31, 2005.

OIG Analysis:

OIG has evaluated the SGI Designation Guide and based on its content and distribution to NRC offices and other SGI stakeholders this recommendation is considered closed.

Status:

Closed.