

December 26, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum */RA/*  
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: OIG STATUS AND ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR AUDIT REPORT: REVIEW OF THE NUCLEAR  
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REACTOR OPERATING  
EXPERIENCE TASK FORCE REPORT (OIG-04-A-13)

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION, DATED  
DECEMBER 8, 2006

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations, as discussed in the agency's response dated December 8, 2006. The response from the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) identifies actions taken to close recommendations 1 and 3. Based on discussions with NRR staff and our analysis of the support provided in NRR's response, OIG considers both recommendations 1 and 3 closed.

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

Attachment: As stated

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**Review of NRC's Reactor Operating Experience Task Force Report**  
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**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 1:           Revise the program objectives to include measurable performance aspects.

Agency Response of  
December 8, 2006:

The corrective actions for this recommendation have been completed.

1) The final version of Management Directive (MD) 8.7, "Reactor Operating Experience Program," was issued on September 28, 2006 and may be viewed at Agency Document Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML062970023. In the organizational responsibilities section of MD 8.7, the Director of NRR is responsible for instituting program metrics aligned with the agency's strategic plan and the operating experience (OpE) program attributes to measure the internal effectiveness of the OpE program.

This MD had been placed in use in January 2005, and had been provided to OIG staff, which concluded the content of the MD satisfies the recommendation, and closure of the recommendation could proceed when final approval of the document was obtained.

2) The final version of NRR Office Instruction LIC-401, "NRR Reactor Operating Experience Program," which implements the program objectives and process, was issued on May 17, 2005. This Office Instruction may be viewed at ADAMS Accession Number ML050130014.

We request that this recommendation be closed based on the above completed corrective actions and our commitment to continuous improvement of the OpE program.

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**Status of Recommendations**

OIG Analysis: In recent discussions with NRR staff, the revisions made to the subject guidance documents were discussed. Based on those discussions and our review of the finalized documents, OIG concludes that the agency's actions meet the recommendation's intent. Therefore, OIG considers this recommendation closed.

**Status:** **Closed.**

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**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 3:            Establish an independent operating experience function and locate that function at the appropriate organizational level.

Agency Response of  
December 8, 2006:

The corrective actions for this recommendation have been completed.

1) The final version of Management Directive (MD) 8.7, "Reactor Operating Experience Program," was issued on September 28, 2006, and may be viewed at ADAMS Accession Number ML062970023.

2) The final version of NRR Office Instruction LIC-401, "NRR Reactor Operating Experience Program," was issued on May 17, 2005, and may be viewed at ADAMS Accession Number ML050130014.

These documents establish the independent OpE functions and locate those functions at the appropriate organizational levels.

We request that this recommendation be closed based on the above completed corrective actions.

OIG Analysis:

A review of the final version of the referenced documents support that the agency's corrective actions are complete and meet the intent of this recommendation. Therefore, OIG considers this recommendation closed.

**Status:**

**Closed.**