

June 29, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: MEMORANDUM
REPORT: AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR
MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES
FOR PROCESSING INSPECTION GUIDANCE
(OIG-06-A-13)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR
MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS,
MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 24, 2007

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) analysis and status of the recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated May 24, 2007. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are closed, and this report is now closed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Sherri Miotla at 415-5914.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

Audit of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Procedures for Processing Inspection Guidance OIG-06-A-13

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Revise the NMSS policy and procedures letter 1-76 for processing inspection guidance to include the full scope of activities and management controls associated with publishing, noticing, and implementing inspection guidance.

Agency
Response Dated
May 24, 2007:

Enclosure 1 provides Revision 1 of NMSS P&P Letter 1-76, "NMSS Procedures for Processing Inspection Manual Chapters and Inspection Procedures." The P&P has been revised to add information on the activities, roles and responsibilities that each individual has during the review, publishing, noticing, and implementation process. This includes having an Inspection Manual Management Status Database available so that management has the ability to track the progress of revisions that are being processed.

OIG Analysis: The corrective action addresses the intent of OIG's recommendation. Recommendation 1 is closed.

Status: Closed.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Formalize an agreement between NMSS and NRR on roles, responsibilities, and authorities regarding the processing of inspection guidance.

Agency
Response Dated
May 24, 2007:

The actions to address the second recommendation is a revision to IMC 0040, "Preparing, Revising, and Issuing Documents for the NRC Inspection Manual," dated March 5, 2007, provided as Enclosure 2. This document was revised to update and formalize the processes that are used to prepare, revise, and issue Inspection Manual documents, including the roles, responsibilities, and authorities regarding the processing of inspection guidance used by all offices that conduct inspections. The revision was coordinated with NRR.

OIG Analysis: The corrective action addresses the intent of OIG's recommendation. Recommendation 2 is closed.

Status: Closed.