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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
PROCESS FOR PLACING DOCUMENTS IN THE ADAMS
PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC LIBRARIES (OIG-07-A-16)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES,
MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 11, 2008

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 as discussed in the agency's response dated July 11, 2008. Based on this response, recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 remain in resolved status. Recommendation 7 is closed. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by October 27, 2008.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Beth Serepca at 415-5911.

Attachment: As stated

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Update MD 3.4 so that it reflects the underlying principles of how to determine whether an official agency record should be public or non-public, and describes the relationship with other agency reviews for information sensitivity (e.g. personally identifiable information, SUNSI).

Response Dated
July 11, 2008:

The Office of Information Services (OIS) completed the update of Management Directive (MD) 3.4, "Release of Information to the Public." MD 3.4 now reflects the underlying principles of how to determine if an Official Agency Record (OAR) should be made public or remain non-public. It further explains the relationship with other agency reviews for information sensitivity. The revised MD 3.4 has been concurred on by all offices and was delivered to the Chairman for review and approval on May 1, 2008.

OIG Analysis:

The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives a copy of Management Directive 3.4, "Release of Information to the Public," and verifies that the underlying principles are included.

Status:

Resolved.

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Recommendation 2: Create a supplemental guidance document that is updated routinely to include, to the extent practicable, categories of information routinely not made public.

Response Dated
July 11, 2008:

We have completed a supplemental guidance document titled "Guidance for Determining the Public Availability of NRC Documents," which identifies the categories of documents that are routinely not made public. Additionally, the guidance document includes the categories of information that are routinely made public. The final version of this new guidance document, referenced in the revised MD 3.4, is maintained by OIS on the NRC internal Website and can be viewed at <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/2008-MD-Companion-Doc.pdf>. The updated MD 3.4 requires all offices to routinely monitor the guidance document and notify OIS when modifications need to be made. Offices will be requested to review and update the supplemental guidance document on an annual basis. Interim changes will also be accommodated. The revised MD 3.4 has been concurred on by all offices and was delivered to the Chairman for review and approval on May 1, 2008.

OIG Analysis: The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG verifies that a supplemental guidance document has been posted in final form.

Status: Resolved.

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Recommendation 3: After MD 3.4 and supporting guidance are updated and consolidated, conduct a training needs analysis and develop appropriate training for staff with responsibilities for determining whether ADAMS records should be publicly or non-publicly available.

Response Dated
July 11, 2008:

OIS staff is working with the Office of Human Resources to determine the most beneficial training tools for staff. Based on the outcome of this analysis, intentions are to develop and incorporate the appropriate training sessions into the existing ADAMS training program available to staff at the Professional Development Center. Once implemented, this will help staff make informed decisions for determining whether documents should be publicly or non-publicly available. We plan to complete the training needs analysis by August 29, 2008.

OIG Analysis: The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG verifies that the agency has completed a training needs analysis and developed appropriate training.

Status: Resolved.

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Recommendation 4: Develop a mechanism to indicate the rationale for a public or non-public designation. This rationale should be sufficiently detailed to allow for an assessment of whether agency criteria are being applied correctly.

Response Dated
July 11, 2008:

During the MD 3.4 concurrence phase, the Office of General Counsel (OGC) recommended that staff be required to document rationale for non-public designated documents only. OIS discussed this with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) staff and OIG agreed with the OGC recommendation. To document the rationale for non-public designations, staff will be required to include the appropriate item number referenced in the "Guidance for Determining the Public Availability of NRC Documents" into the ADAMS document profile. The rationale tag will be a permanent part of each OAR's metadata and will permit an assessment of whether Agency criteria are being applied correctly. The revised MD 3.4 has been concurred on by all offices and was delivered to the Chairman for review and approval on May 1, 2008.

OIG Analysis: The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives verification that the rationale for non-public documents was developed and is included in MD 3.4.

Status: Resolved.

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Recommendation 5: Require offices to use the mechanism developed in response to recommendation 4 to provide the rationale for public or non-public designation of official agency records.

Response Dated
July 11, 2008:

The revised MD 3.4 requires all staff to use the mechanism described in our response to Recommendation 4. This will be communicated to Agency staff when the revised MD 3.4 is published. The revised MD 3.4 has been concurred on by all offices and was delivered to the Chairman for review and approval on May 1, 2008.

OIG Analysis:

The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives verification that offices were notified to use the mechanism developed.

Status:

Resolved.

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<u>Recommendation 6:</u>	Conduct periodic assessments of the accuracy with which NRC staff are applying the agency's criteria for designating records as public or non-public by assessing a random sample of records against the agency's criteria for making these determinations.
Response Dated July 11, 2008:	We will conduct annual assessments of the accuracy with which NRC staff are applying the Agency's criteria for designating records as public or non-public by assessing a random sample of records against the Agency's criteria for making these determinations. This will be implemented after the revised MD 3.4 has been published. The revised MD 3.4 document has been concurred on by all offices and was delivered to the Chairman for review and approval on May 1, 2008.
OIG Analysis:	The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives verification that periodic assessments were conducted.
Status:	Resolved.

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<u>Recommendation 8:</u>	Add a non-public pending review category to E-RIDS notifications and clarify the language in the notifications to convey the need to finalize the document availability as either public or non-public.
Response Dated July 11, 2008:	The next upgrade of the ADAMS software (ADAMS version 4.7) includes a change that will clearly identify documents in a "Non-Public Pending Review" status in the E-Rids notifications sent to staff. Deployment of ADAMS release 4.7 is scheduled to occur in July 2008.
OIG Analysis:	The corrective action addresses the intent of this recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation when NRC verifies that E-RIDS text messages clearly indicate the need for SUNSI review action on ADAMS documents. This deployment was postponed until September 2008.
Status:	Resolved.