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**AVAILABILITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S (OIG) AUDIT REPORT
ON THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC) AGREEMENT STATE
PROGRAM (FSME-09-016)**

Purpose: To notify the Agreement States of the issuance of OIG's Audit Report, *Audit of NRC's Agreement State Program*, and to provide an electronic copy.

Background: In February 2008, OIG initiated an audit of NRC's Agreement State Program, with emphasis on the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP). As part of the audit, OIG auditors accompanied IMPEP teams during reviews of Agreement State programs, interviewed NRC and Agreement State staff members, and reviewed policy and procedures that govern the conduct of NRC and Agreement State relations. The data collection phase of the audit concluded in August 2008. The NRC staffs comments on the report and the OIG responses appear at the end of the report.

Discussion: The OIG's audit report on NRC's Agreement State program can be found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-gen/2009/oig-09-a-08.pdf>. In the report, OIG offers several recommendations to help further improve NRC's Agreement State Program and IMPEP. NRC will keep the States apprised of all actions taken in response to the recommendations and will coordinate with the States to make any warranted improvements to enhance the overall program.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or the individual named below.

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