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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum **/RA/**
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF
THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS (OIG-09-A-06)

REFERENCE: DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
MATERIALS, WASTE, RESEARCH, STATE,
TRIBAL, AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS
MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 3, 2009

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated March 3, 2009. Based on the response, Recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide an update on these two recommendations by July 31, 2009.

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

Attachment: Status of Recommendations

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Audit Report

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Develop, document, implement, and communicate an agencywide process for reviewing backfit issues to ensure that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on NRC regulations and policy.

Agency Response Dated
March 3, 2009:

Agree. I intend to task the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) and the responsible offices to evaluate the Office of the Inspector General's audit report and provide a plan to develop a systematic and comprehensive approach for reviewing the backfit implications of generic actions. This approach will incorporate the response to Recommendation 2 of the audit report. The staff will also be tasked with the development of an agencywide backfit training program to complement and reinforce the various program office backfit procedures. The overall goal will be to ensure that there is a documented agencywide review process that ensures that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on NRC regulations and policy:
June 30, 2009.

OIG Analysis:

The agency's plan to develop systematic and comprehensive criteria for reviewing the backfit implications of generic actions, combined with developing an agencywide backfit training program, meets the intent of this recommendation. OIG will close the recommendation once we receive and review final versions of both the new backfit criteria and training program to ensure implementation of the recommendation's intent.

Status:

Resolved.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Determine what, if any, role the CRGR should perform in NRC's backfit review process, to include

Agency Response Dated
March 3, 2009:

Agree. The staff will evaluate whether the CRGR should continue to function in the NRC's backfit review process or if it should function in a modified role: June 30, 2009.

OIG Analysis:

The proposed actions address the intent of OIG's recommendation. OIG will close the recommendation following a review of the staff's final decision regarding the function of the CRGR.

Status:

Resolved.