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SUBJECT: ACTION PLAN FOR ADDRESSING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
THE 2008 INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE REACTOR
OVERSIGHT AND INCIDENT RESPONSE PROGRAMS

The staff hired FocalPoint Consulting Group to perform an independent evaluation of the reactor oversight and incident response programs in 2008 with the objective of developing recommendations to strengthen program performance. Overall, FocalPoint found the programs to be effective in accomplishing their mission of providing reactor oversight and incident response but provided a number of findings and recommendations for the staff's consideration. The final report, "Independent Evaluation of the Reactor Oversight and Incident Response Program," dated December 31, 2008, (ADAMS Accession No. ML090680415) presents details of these findings and recommendations.

The evaluation produced 24 recommendations, many of which had already been identified and were in various stages of being addressed by the staff. The staff utilized team members that had been assembled to support the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) FY 2009 Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) evaluation of the reactor oversight and incident response programs to evaluate these recommendations. Although OMB cancelled the FY 2009 PART evaluation, the team felt that many of FocalPoint's observations and recommendations provided valuable insights for potential program improvements. The team, with assistance from points of contact within each affected organization, developed a consolidated listing of the implementation plan/status and/or justification for not implementing the recommended change for each of FocalPoint's recommendations (see enclosed table).

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