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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
FORCE-ON-FORCE INSPECTION PROGRAM
(OIG-09-A-12)

REFERENCE: DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR REACTOR
PROGRAMS, MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 27, 2009

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) analysis and status of the recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated August 27, 2009. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by January 4, 2010.

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

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Develop and implement a plan for routine communications between headquarters management and regional staff involved in the Force-on-Force program.

Agency Response
Dated August 27, 2009: Agree. The Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) is developing and implementing initiatives to enhance routine communications between headquarters and regional staff and management involved in the FOF program. One such initiative is the Security Issues Forum (SIF) that will be instituted in September 2009. The SIF will provide an environment for the discussion of security findings, requirements, and other issues of common interest upon request. Meanwhile, routine NSIR/Region Division-Director level conference calls are conducted monthly. The regional Branch Chiefs have routine meetings and weekly calls with headquarters management, and a member of the NSIR management team visits each region at least once a quarter to facilitate open dialogue. A security counterpart meeting is conducted annually. NSIR is also supplying additional resources to the regions for Fiscal Year 2010 which should aid in coordination and review of NSIR initiative products and proposed program changes.

OIG Analysis: The proposed action meets the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives a plan for routine communication and determines that it was implemented.

Status: Resolved.

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Recommendation 2: Encourage cross-training and rotational opportunities for headquarters and regional staff involved in the FOF program.

Agency Response

Dated August 27, 2009:

Agree. NSIR has plans for cross training and rotations between headquarters and regional staff at both management and staff levels, in addition to facilitating additional counterpart meetings at the staff and management levels. Specifically, NSIR is developing a "walk in my shoes" program to encourage regional and headquarters personnel to exchange jobs for a period of time, as part of their developmental process.

OIG Analysis:

The proposed corrective action meets the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives documentation of a "walk in my shoes" program and determines that it will encourage cross-training and rotational opportunities.

Status:

Resolved.