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OFFICE OF THE  
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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF NRC'S  
AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM (OIG-09-A-08)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL AND STATE  
MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAMS MEMORANDUM DATED OCTOBER 29, 2009

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendation 3 as discussed in the agency's memorandum dated October 29, 2009. Based on the response, recommendation 3 remains resolved. Recommendations 1, 2, 4, and 5 also remain resolved. Please provide an update for these recommendations by April 15, 2010.

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

Attachment: As stated

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**Audit Report**  
**Audit of NRC's Agreement State Program**  
**OIG-09-A-08**

**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 3:            Develop a set of procedures that standardizes communications from NRC to the Agreement States.

Agency Response Dated  
October 29, 2009:            The recommendation was addressed by creating the enclosed FSME Procedure AD-800. This procedure was signed by management and made available to staff on October 15, 2009. This OIG recommendation should be closed.

OIG Analysis:                OIG reviewed FSME Procedure AD-800, "Communications Between FSME/Regional Offices and the Agreement States," and determined that the procedure enhances the communications between FSME and NRC regional offices. However, the guidance does not address in detail the communications between NRC and Agreements States. In a subsequent meeting between FSME and OIG, FSME agreed to revise Procedure AD-200, "Format for FSME Letters," to include detailed guidance for standardizing communications, both formal and informal, between NRC and Agreement States. The recommendation will be closed when the agency submits, and OIG reviews, the revised FSME Procedure AD-200.

**Status:**                      Resolved.