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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: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR SECURITY AND
INCIDENT RESPONSE, MEMORANDUM DATED
DECEMBER 29, 2009

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated December 29, 2009. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are closed. All recommendations related to this report are now closed.

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
December 29, 2009:

The Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) implemented the Security Issues Forum (SIF) in September 2009 to provide an environment for the discussion of security findings including those identified during the FOF inspections and other issues of common interest. Since September, nine SIFs have been held. The SIF Charter can be found at ML091620477. Recent SIF topics have included: Proposed Enhancements to the FOF Significant Determination Process, the Final Weapons Rule (74 Federal Register 52667), duties and responsibilities for Federal Security Coordinators, and revisions to the FOF Inspection Procedure. Additionally, NSIR's Division of Security Operations (DSO) Branch Chiefs hold weekly conference calls with the Branch Chiefs from the Regions who supervise the security inspectors. There are monthly calls with the Regional Divisions of Reactor Safety and NSIR has recently included the Regions in the monthly Nuclear Security Working Group meetings held at the Nuclear Energy Institute where FOF issues are discussed. We believe the actions implemented are sufficient for the closure of this recommendation.

OIG Analysis: OIG reviewed the SIF charter and acknowledge the weekly and monthly calls to facilitate communication and determined that the SIF is a plan for routine communications. This recommendation is therefore considered closed.

Status: Closed.

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Status of Recommendations

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

Agency Response Dated December 29, 2009: NSIR initiated and implemented of the "walk in my shoes" (WIMS) program with a 30-day rotation between the Security Performance Evaluation Branch Chief and the Plant Support Branch Chief of Region IV. DSO will pursue one to two WIMS rotations a year. We believe the implementation of the WIMS program is sufficient for the closure of this recommendation.

OIG Analysis: OIG reviewed the "walk in my shoes" program and determined that it meets the intent to encourage cross-training and rotational opportunities. This recommendation is therefore considered closed.

Status: Closed.