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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF
THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS (OIG-09-A-06)

REFERENCE: CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS, MEMORANDUM DATED
FEBRUARY 12, 2010

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated February 12, 2010. Based on the response, recommendation 2 is now closed and recommendation 1 remains resolved. Please provide an updated status concerning recommendation 1 by January 31, 2011.

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

AUDIT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS

OIG-09-A-06

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
February 12, 2010: The status of recommendation No. 1 remains the same. Due date: December 31, 2010.

OIG Analysis: In its previous status update, the agency identified its proposed plans to review the agency's backfit process and develop an agencywide backfit training program. OIG determined that the proposed plans meet 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 programs 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 whether the CRGR function is still needed.

Agency Response Dated
February 12, 2010

The due date of December 15, 2009, for recommendation No. 2 as stated in the March 25, 2009, memo was extended by the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to January 29, 2010, to allow the CRGR to meet with external stakeholders.

With regards to recommendation No. 2, the CRGR has met with the external stakeholders on November 9, 2009, to discuss and obtain input regarding the future role of the CRGR. Subsequently, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS) provided written comments. These documents are available through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession Nos. ML100110388 and ML100110402 (NEI memo and enclosure, respectively) and ML100110404 (STARS memo).

OIG Analysis: On January 28, 2010, the CRGR Chairman sent a proposal to the NRC's EDO which outlined several recommendations regarding the CRGR's future role in backfitting reviews. On March 15, 2010, OIG learned that the EDO's office approved the CRGR's plans on March 8, 2010. OIG reviewed the approved recommendations document (ADAMS Accession No. ML1002701200) and determined that the CRGR's proposed future role was approved in its entirety, thereby answering the intent of recommendation 2. Therefore, this recommendation is closed.

Status: Closed.