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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum **/RA/**
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: INDEPENDENT
EVALUATION OF NRC'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT
(FISMA) FOR FY 2007 (OIG-07-A-19)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, COMPUTER SECURITY OFFICE,
MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 30, 2010

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendation 11 as discussed in the agency's response dated March 30, 2010. Based on this response, recommendation 11 remains resolved. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were previously closed. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by June 29, 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

INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF NRC'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT (FISMA) FOR FY 2007

OIG-07-A-19

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 11: Develop and implement quality assurance procedures for Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&Ms).

Agency Response Dated
March 30, 2010:

CSO purchased the Xacta application for assisting in security compliance assessment, risk management and security process automation. Xacta is in the configuration phase at the Consolidated Testing Facility (CTF). Additionally, in FY10 the POA&M process was briefed to various system owners and internal forums, and the first POA&M scoring was developed by CSO for each system owner. This scoring was facilitated by a POA&M checklist developed by CSO to assist in ensuring increased accuracy and completion of NRC system POA&Ms as part of the effort to continuously improve the POA&M process and ensure quality assurance. POA&M scoring will be provided to all system owners beginning the 3rd quarter of FY10 and continuing each successive quarter thereafter.

Estimated Target Completion Date: May 31, 2010.

OIG Response: The proposed action meets the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG verifies that the Agency's Xacta application will strengthen the quality assurance procedures for the POA&Ms.

Status: Resolved.