### October 21, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen D. Dingbaum

Assistant Inspector General for Audits

FROM: J. E. Dyer /RA/

Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF THE BUDGET

FORMULATION PROCESS (OIG-05-A-09)

The status of our response to Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 is provided as requested in your March 9, 2010, memorandum titled, "STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF THE BUDGET FORMULATION PROCESS (OIG-05-A-09)." The status of Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 remain resolved.

## Recommendation 1

Clarify, in coordination with the Executive Director for Operations, the roles and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director for Operations in the budget formulation process.

#### Recommendation 2

Document the decision-making process and roles and responsibilities of the Program Review Committee.

# Recommendation 3

Document the budget formulation process to ensure a logical, comprehensive sequencing of events that provides for obtaining early Commission direction and approval.

#### <u>Status</u>

As indicated previously, the recommendations are being addressed as part of the revision to Management Directive (MD) and Handbook 4.7, "NRC Long Range Planning, Programming and Budget Formulation." We have decided to modify our approach to the replacement of the MD and Handbook in order to improve policy communication, organization and achieve agency

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