

January 26, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen D. Dingbaum
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FROM: Jennifer L. Uhle, Chairman **/RA/ J. Uhle**
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS
(OIG-09-A-06) (EDATS: OEDO-2010-0223)

This is an update to the memorandum from James E. Lyons to you, issued on February 12, 2010 (Agency Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML100250013), that provided the status of the following recommendation as outlined in your March 25, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML090860869), memorandum to him:

- Recommendation 1

Develop, document, implement, and communicate an agencywide process for reviewing backfit issues to ensure that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations and policy. Due date: February 2011.

With regard to this recommendation, the date of submission of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) charter to the Commission for review and approval was delayed from December 2010 to February 2011 because of higher priority Commission actions.

The stakeholders' views were considered in actions taken to address this recommendation. Specifically, the CRGR charter and Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Facility-specific Backfitting and Information," are being revised to reflect these views.

The CRGR charter is scheduled to be issued to the Office of the Executive Director for Operations during the month of February. The draft MD 8.4 is being revised to incorporate Office of Administration comments in preparation for issuance to the relevant offices for comment by February 2011. However, the MD 8.4 revision schedule is contingent on the direction received from the Commission subsequent to the review of the CRGR charter.

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