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INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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

REFERENCE: CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS, MEMORANDUM DATED
JANUARY 26, 2011

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendation 1 as discussed in the agency's response dated January 26, 2011. Based on the response, recommendation 1 remains resolved. Please provide an updated status on recommendation 1 by June 30, 2011.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or RK Wild, Team Leader, at 415-5948.

Attachment: Status of Recommendations

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Status of Recommendation

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:

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 schedule 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.

In addition to these activities, the CRGR and the Office of the General Counsel, in cooperation with the Office of Human Resources, are working together to establish a centralized agency resource for backfit training. The next step will be to develop a training module on the overall process and then to develop program-specific modules that can be used by the program offices and regions, as appropriate. The planned implementation of this centralized training

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Recommendation 1 (continued):

program is scheduled for the end of calendar year 2011. This is consistent with the planned issuance of the revised MD 8.4 as stated in the July 1, 2010, action plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML101170084).

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.