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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
JUNE 21, 2011

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendation 1 as discussed in the agency's response dated June 21, 2011. Based on the response, recommendation 1 remains resolved. Please provide an updated status on recommendation 1 by December 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
June 21, 2011:

With regard to this recommendation, the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) updated and revised the CRGR Charter, which documents the agencywide process for reviewing backfit issues and ensures that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on NRC regulations. The policy was subsequently approved by the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) and issued on March 8, 2011, as revision 8. Various agency communication tools were used, including a memorandum to the EDO (ADAMS Accession No. ML11094A009) and an agency announcement (Announcement No. 046 Date: April 12, 2011), to inform the agency of the issuance of the charter. A link to the document was also placed on the CRGR external Web site to inform external stakeholders of the availability of the revised CRGR Charter.

On June 15, 2011, the CRGR issued the draft Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Facility-Specific Backfitting and Information," to the various relevant offices for a 30-day comment period. External stakeholders views were incorporated into the draft MD. The CRGR anticipates providing a draft final MD 8.4 to the Office of Administration by September 2011 for its final edits and formatting.

In addition to these activities, the CRGR and 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

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Status of Recommendation

Recommendation 1 (continued):

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 program is scheduled for the end of calendar year 2011 as stated in the July 1, 2010, action plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML101170084).

OIG Analysis:

The current update continues to meet the intent of the original recommendation. OIG will close the recommendation once we receive and review the final version of MD 8.4 as well as the new backfit training programs to ensure implementation of the recommendation's intent.

Status:

Resolved.