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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 RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
OVERSIGHT OF INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE
INSTALLATIONS SAFETY (OIG-11-A-12)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY
AND SAFEGUARDS, MEMORANDUM DATED
MARCH 26, 2012

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated March 26, 2012. Based on this response, recommendation 2 is now closed and recommendation 1 remains in resolved status. Please provide an update on the status of recommendation 1 by October 15, 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Sherri Miotla, Team Leader, at 415-5914.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

AUDIT OF NRC'S OVERSIGHT OF INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS SAFETY

OIG-11-A-12

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Develop and implement a formalized agencywide Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) safety inspector training program.

Agency Response Dated
March 26, 2012:

The NRC staff agreed to develop a qualification card for inspectors by September 30, 2011. After discussions with Headquarters and Regional Branch Chiefs and staff involved in the safety inspections of ISFSIs, the staff developed a qualification journal specific for ISFSI inspectors. This qualification journal was issued in November 2011 as Appendix B3 of Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 1246 (IMC 1246 B3) (Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) accession number: ML112650054). The staff is currently working with the regions on developing an ISFSI Overview Training, which is part of IMC 1246 B3. The training should be developed by September 30, 2012.

OIG Analysis: The proposed actions meet the intent of the recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation when it receives documentation supporting the implementation of the ISFSI safety inspector training program.

Status: Resolved.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Modify inspection guidance to include a minimum inspection frequency for conducting routine ISFSI safety inspections.

Agency Response Dated
March 26, 2012:

The NRC staff committed to revise inspection guidance by September 30, 2011, to establish a minimum frequency for conducting routine ISFSI safety inspections by issuance of revised inspection guidance in IMC 2690. On September 30, 2011, the staff issued a memorandum to the regions (ADAMS number: ML112700127) responsible for ISFSI inspections, with interim guidance regarding a minimum frequency for conducting routine ISFSI safety inspections. In IMC 2690, the minimum inspection frequency to conduct routine ISFSI safety inspections will be "expected every two years, not to exceed three years" (ADAMS Package No. ML120390390). The revised IMC 2690 was issued on March 9, 2012.

OIG Analysis: OIG determined that the revised inspection guidance meets the intent of the recommendation. Therefore, this recommendation is considered closed.

Status: Closed.