

March 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen D. Dingbaum
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

FROM: J. E. Dyer */RA/*
Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PROCESS FOR CALCULATING
LICENSE FEES (OIG-13-A-02)

This is a status update in response to the Office of the Inspector General's Audit Report, "Audit of NRC's Process for Calculating License Fees" (OIG-13-A-02) dated October 24, 2012.

Recommendation 1

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) should prepare and document an annual Fee Rule validation on the hourly rate (budget vs. cost analysis) and make adjustments as needed to the fee calculation process.

Status

Agree. The OCFO staff is currently evaluating procedures from the previous cost accounting system and will be collaborating with the systems staff to create comparable reports from the Financial Accounting and Integrated Management Information System cost accounting module. At that point new procedures will be necessary and established. We plan to execute the validation of the hourly rate by April 2014.

Recommendation 2

The OCFO will document all steps performed in calculating the Fee Rule in the desk procedures (Fee Handbook) to enable a new preparer to re-perform or complete the calculation.

Status

Agree. The OCFO has finalized the Fee Rule Policy & Procedures Handbook, which is enclosed.

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Recommendation 3 and 4

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