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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Mark T. Welch  
General Manager for Administration

**FROM:** Stephen D. Dingbaum */RA/*  
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**SUBJECT:** INSPECTOR GENERAL'S ASSESSMENT OF DNFSB'S  
MOST SERIOUS MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE  
CHALLENGES

In accordance with the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, the Inspector General (IG) is developing a list of what he considers to be the most serious management and performance challenges facing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) and assessing the board's progress relative to these challenges. The IG defines serious management and performance challenges as mission critical areas or problems that have the potential for a perennial weakness or vulnerability that, without substantial management attention, would seriously impact agency operations or strategic goals.

Because the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) was only recently assigned responsibility for performing IG services for DNFSB, OIG staff have had limited opportunity to conduct audits and investigations that would otherwise inform the IG's identification of challenges. Therefore, as we discussed during our June 23, 2014, meeting, this year's list of challenges will be based on OIG staff review of existing DNFSB assessment information and on information gathered through OIG interviews with DNFSB officials and staff.

We plan to issue a discussion draft version of the management and performance challenges assessment to DNFSB around September 1, 2014, and to provide the board approximately 2 weeks to provide any comments for inclusion in the final report, which we plan to issue around October 1, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the IG's assessment of DNFSB's most serious management and performance challenges, please contact Steven Zane, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 415-5912 or me at 415-5915.

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