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**OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Hubert T. Bell */RA/*  
Inspector General

SUBJECT: AUDIT OF NRC'S PROCESS FOR ENSURING INTEGRITY  
IN SCIENTIFIC RESEACH (OIG-15-A-08)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report titled *Audit of NRC's Process for Ensuring Integrity in Scientific Research*. The audit objective was to determine whether NRC has controls in place to assure that scientific research is objective, credible, and transparent.

OIG found that while NRC has controls in place, there is room for improvement. Specifically, NRC needs to strengthen its Information Quality Program and adopt the Office of Management and Budget guidelines on peer review.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen D. Dingbaum, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 415-5915 or me at 415-5930.

Attachment: As stated

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