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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: EVALUATION OF INVOLVEMENT OF POLITICAL  
APPOINTEES IN NRC'S FOIA PROCESS (OIG-15-A-18)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) evaluation report titled *Evaluation of Involvement of Political Appointees in NRC's FOIA Process*. This evaluation was initiated as a result of a June 23, 2015, request to NRC's Inspector General from Ron Johnson, Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The evaluation objective was to analyze non-career officials' (political appointees) involvement in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) response process at the agency, if any, for the period of January 1, 2007, to the present, and analyze whether any such involvement resulted in any undue delay or the withholding of any document or portion of any document that would have not occurred if they were not involved.

As a result of this evaluation, OIG concludes that involvement of NRC's non-career politically appointed officials in FOIA responses is appropriate.

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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