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MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen D. Dingbaum
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SUBJECT: FORMAL COMMENTS ON OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL DRAFT REPORT "AUDIT OF NRC'S OVERSIGHT OF
MEDICAL USES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL"

This memorandum is in response to your September 23, 2015, e-mail transmitting the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) draft report, "Audit of NRC's Oversight of Medical Uses of Nuclear Material." The enclosure includes the staff's comments.

In general, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff agrees with two of the findings highlighting areas of improvement (Finding A and Finding C). However, the staff does not agree with some of the conclusions for why improvement is necessary, and similarly the recommendations resulting from them. Staff does not agree with Finding B, and has provided additional information on the recommendation from this finding in the enclosure. For the recommendation under Finding B, the staff has procedures and policies in place that provide what is asked for in the recommendation. Expansion of these efforts would require more resources with no increase in fulfilling NRC's public health and safety mission. For recommendations 1 and 4 that we do agree with, we will take actions to respond to the recommendations. These actions will be balanced with consideration of the current budgetary environment and limited availability of resources and the increased value to be achieved.

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