

Staff Updates to OIG Audit Recommendations

<u>Recommendation 1:</u>	Develop and implement selection criteria for use by the ITB and other IT governance groups in reviewing IT procurement proposals.
Agency Response Dated March 13, 2015:	The Office of Information Services (OIS) will collaborate with the Office of Administration (ADM) and the various Information Technology (IT) governance bodies to develop a document describing the selection criteria for use in reviewing IT procurement proposals. The process will be implemented upon approval by the governance bodies.
Agency Response Dated October 30, 2015:	<p>On September 28, 2015, the CIO approved a revision to the Capital Planning and Investment Control Policy and Process Overview (ML15247A497) that included criteria to be used to determine the IT investments, projects, and activities that best support the NRC mission and current business needs.</p> <p>Implementation of the select criteria for use in reviewing IT acquisitions has been delayed due to new requirements being placed on IT procurements by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). On June 10, 2015, OMB issued Memorandum M-15-14, "Management and Oversight of Federal Information Technology," which provides guidance on implementing the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA). The new requirements require updating the existing selection criteria to reflect the changes.</p> <p>Memorandum M-15-14 required the Agency to submit to OMB an initial self-assessment of agency FITARA implementation and a plan to complete implementation by December 31, 2015. On October 14, 2015, OMB provided their initial feedback on the submitted self-assessment and implementation plan. OIS and ADM staff are currently working to address OMB's concerns and expect to meet the December 31, 2015 due date for implementation. Once OMB approves the Agency's implementation plan, OIS, in collaboration with ADM, will proceed with developing new or modifying existing IT selection policies and processes to ensure continued compliance with the new requirements. The new or revised processes will be implemented upon approval by the governance bodies.</p>
Target Completion Date:	April 30, 2016
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Recommendation 2: Develop and implement a communication plan to educate NRC customers on IT procurement criteria and the role of NRC's governance structures in reviewing and approving IT procurement proposals.

Agency Response Dated March 13, 2015: OIS and ADM will develop a joint communication plan to educate NRC customers on the complete IT procurement process and criteria, including the role of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's governance structures in reviewing and approving proposed IT requirements.

Agency Response Dated October 30, 2015: In parallel with the activities in Recommendation 1, OIS and ADM will develop a joint communication plan to educate NRC customers on the complete IT procurement process and criteria, including the role of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's governance structures in reviewing and approving proposed IT requirements.

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