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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

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Inspector General

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF NRC'S
IMPLEMENTATION OF FISMA 2014 FOR FY 2015
(OIG-16-A-03)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) evaluation report titled Independent Evaluation of NRC's Implementation of the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 [FISMA 2014] for FY 2015. The objective was to perform an independent evaluation of NRC's implementation of FISMA 2014 for FY 2015.

OIG found that while the agency has continued to make improvements in its information technology security program and has made progress in implementing the recommendations resulting from previous FISMA evaluations, the independent evaluation identified the following IT security program weaknesses:

- There is a repeat finding from the FY 2014 FISMA evaluation: continuous monitoring is not performed as required.
- There is a repeat finding from previous FISMA evaluations: configuration management procedures are still not consistently implemented.
- There is a repeat finding from several previous FISMA evaluations: plans of action and milestones management still needs improvement.
- There is a repeat finding from previous FISMA evaluations: the agency did not provide sufficient documentation to determine if oversight of contractor systems is adequate.

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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