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MEMORANDUM TO: Maureen E. Wylie
Chief Financial Officer

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Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
PROCESS FOR CALCULATING LICENSE FEES
(OIG-13-A-02)

REFERENCE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MEMORANDUM DATED
OCTOBER 19, 2015

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendation 1 as discussed in the agency's response dated October 19, 2015. Based on this response, recommendation 1 remains in resolved status. Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 were closed previously. Please provide an updated status on the resolved recommendation by April 15, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Eric Rivera, Team Leader, at 415-7032.

Attachment: As stated

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Prepare and document an annual fee rule validation (budget vs. cost analysis) and make adjustments as needed to the fee calculation process.

Agency Response

Dated October 19, 2015: Agree. OCFO plans to execute the validation of the hourly rate by the end of quarter two of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. The revised key milestones for this recommendation are listed on the next page. OCFO, Division of Planning and Budget (DPB) successfully accomplished the first key milestone of understanding the previous methodology use to validate the hourly rate for the Fee Rule. In addition, OCFO has completed the second milestone, development of the Fees Validation Report (Report). Specifically, DPB performed the following procedures (milestones one and two):

- Conducted interviews and meetings with key agency staff responsible for calculating license fees from FY 2009 to present.
- Performed a detailed review of the procedures and corresponding spreadsheets for FY 2009 budget vs. cost analysis validation.
- Reviewed and analyzed the origin of the cost accounting data in the hourly validation analysis conducted prior to the implementation of Financial Accounting and Integrated Management Information System (FAIMIS).
- DPB collaborated with Financial System staff to evaluate data from the previous cost accounting system and developed a Report from FAIMIS. The Report is currently in the user acceptance testing (UAT) phase.

For the third milestone, once the Report has completed UAT, OCFO will perform the analysis. After that, for the fourth and final milestone, OCFO will document the new procedures for long term implementation of this recommendation.

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Recommendation 1 (cont.):

KEY MILESTONES

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| 1. Understanding previous methodology | January 2015 |
| 2. Coordinating with FAIMIS staff to create necessary reports | September 2015 |
| 3. Create and perform analysis | December 2015 |
| 4. Document process for annual validation | March 2016 |

OIG Analysis:

The proposed action meets the intent of the recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation when the agency provides a copy of the documented fee rule validation and any resulting adjustments made to the fee calculation process.

Status:

Resolved.