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INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Victor M. McCree  
Executive Director for Operations

**FROM:** Stephen D. Dingbaum */RA/*  
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**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S  
OVERSIGHT OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
(OIG-15-A-20)

**REFERENCE:** DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR REACTOR AND  
PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS,  
MEMORANDUM DATED OCTOBER 23, 2015

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations 1 and 2 as discussed in the agency's response dated October 23, 2015. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by March 31, 2016.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Sherri Miotla, Team Leader, at 415-5914.

Attachment: As stated

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## Audit Report

### AUDIT OF NRC'S OVERSIGHT OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

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#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Define the term "long-term" storage" in all future U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) documents. Alternatively, eliminate the term.

Agency Response

Dated October 23, 2015: Agree. The staff will eliminate the term "long-term storage" from its inspection procedures. If the staff uses the phrase "long-term storage" in the future, the staff will include a definition to clarify the meaning, specifically how long long-term storage should last. The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) is currently updating the Reactor Oversight Inspection Procedures and will, as part of this update, eliminate the term from the specific NRR procedure (IP 71124.08) identified in the report.

**Completion Date:** December 31, 2015

**Point of Contact:** Undine Shoop, 301-415-2063

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when the agency demonstrates that the term "long-term" storage has been eliminated from NRR procedure (IP 71124.08).

**Status:** Resolved.

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#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Develop a mechanism to inform the regional offices of updates to transportation regulations, for example through refresher training, monthly calls, or webinars.

**Agency Response**

Dated October 23, 2015: Agree. Senior staff from NRR, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), and each regional office will develop the mechanisms to share updated information between the headquarters program and regional offices. This information will specifically include future revisions to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, as well as more general updates on changes to applicable Federal regulations and NRC policies. In the interim, in order to share this information, the NMSS transportation experts will participate in the monthly teleconferences that NRR conducts with its regional radiation protection counterparts.

**Completion Date:** December 31, 2015

**Point of Contact:** Undine Shoop, 301-415-2063

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when the agency demonstrates that the mechanisms have been developed.

**Status:** Resolved.