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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
CONSTRUCTION REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS
(cROP) (OIG-15-A-14)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NEW REACTORS,
MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated November 3, 2015. Based on this response, recommendation 1 is closed and recommendation 2 remains in resolved status. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by February 12, 2016.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or R.K. Wild, Team Leader, at 415-5948.

Attachment: As stated

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AUDIT OF NRC'S CONSTRUCTION REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS (cROP)

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Develop and implement a comprehensive review that identifies process inefficiencies associated with cROP.

Agency Response
November 3, 2015:

Response: The Process Review Team (PRT) conducted research on how to make the inspection planning and scheduling process more efficient and effective. The team then published its conclusions and recommendations in the "Construction Inspection and Scheduling Process Review Team Recommendation Action Plan" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15288A166). Before writing the action plan, the team compiled a list of challenges in the inspection and scheduling process and then categorized them under the following areas: roles and responsibilities, communications, training/oversight, and SmartPlans. As part of its research, the team also received comments and feedback on the inspection planning and scheduling process that were beyond the scope of the assessment. The staff has implemented the PRT's action plan. This action plan incorporated the actions identified in the PRT Transition Map and will be maintained until all identified actions have been completed.

Point of contact: Michael Ernstes, RII/DCP
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Target completion date: Completed.

OIG Analysis: The actions completed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. As the comprehensive review has been developed and implemented, this recommendation is therefore considered closed.

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Recommendation 1 (cont.)

Status: Closed.

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Recommendation 2: Implement the results of the comprehensive review through a formal action plan, with milestones, in order to address process inefficiencies associated with cROP.

Agency Response
November 3, 2015:

Response: The Construction Inspection and Scheduling Process Review Team Recommendation Action Plan includes developed actions with associated milestones to address the recommendations and the comments that the PRT received. The staff has completed a majority of these actions. The actions that remain to be completed include the conduct of a followup assessment of the implementation of the inspection planning and scheduling process and the issuance of an associated desktop guide on roles and responsibilities and SmartPlans. The staff plans to complete all actions by December 31, 2015.

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Target completion date: December 31, 2015.

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed after OIG reviews documentary or other evidence showing the agency has completed all of the items listed in the Construction Inspection and Scheduling Process Review Team Recommendation Action Plan.

Status: Resolved.