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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Hubert T. Bell */RA/*
Inspector General

SUBJECT: AUDIT OF NRC'S NETWORK SECURITY OPERATIONS
CENTER (OIG-16-A-07)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report titled *Audit of NRC's Network Security Operations Center (SOC)*. The audit objective was to determine whether NRC's network SOC meets its operational requirements, and to assess the effectiveness of SOC coordination with organizations that have a role in securing NRC's network.

OIG found that NRC's network SOC provides a range of capabilities to protect the agency against cybersecurity threats, and contractors who help run the SOC are meeting security operational requirements stipulated in NRC's primary information technology support contract. However, auditors found that SOC capabilities could be improved through better definition of contractual requirements. Additionally, auditors found that SOC coordination with other NRC stakeholders could benefit from a clearer definition of organizational roles and responsibilities.

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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