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MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
OVERSIGHT OF INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY
(OIG-12-A-15)

REFERENCE: ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL
SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS, MEMORANDUM DATED
JANUARY 21, 2016

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated January 21, 2016. Based on the agency's memorandum, recommendation 1 remains resolved. Recommendations 2-8 were previously closed. Please provide an updated status of recommendation 1 by September 23, 2016.

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

Attachment: As stated

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Require license reviewers to write radiography licenses in a manner that clearly and consistently specifies whether or not licensees are authorized to conduct certain activities (such as offshore, lay-barge, or underwater radiography).

Agency Response Dated
January 21, 2016:

Staff is revising NUREG-1556, Volume 2, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses," to inform applicants who plan to perform radiographic operations on lay-barges, offshore platforms, or underwater locations that they must specifically request these operations and provide specific operating and emergency procedures to address these unique operations and that specific license conditions will be included for these activities.

In November 2011, staff published a draft of NUREG-1556, Volume 2, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses" for comment. The draft volume included a new Appendix D that provided detailed guidance regarding lay-barge, offshore platform, and underwater radiography procedures and precautions.

The draft document remains available to the public on the NRC's public Web site. The final revision of NUREG-1556, Volume 2, Revision 1, is currently with the Office of Administration awaiting for review and publication, and is scheduled to be issued in January 2016.

In addition, staff efforts are currently underway to establish means to provide license reviewers with the standards for clear and consistent data entry for the Web Based Licensing (WBL) system. The WBL is the agency database system to manage the NRC Materials Licensing and Inspection program. As part of this effort, all the standard license conditions and authorized uses are being standardized

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Recommendation 1 (cont.):

across all the NRC Regions. The standardization effort will ensure that radiography licenses include specificity on whether or not licensees are authorized to conduct certain radiography activities (e.g., offshore, lay-barge, underwater radiography). The procedure that includes the standardized license conditions and authorized uses is scheduled to be issued by August 2016.

Completion Date: August 31, 2016

OIG analysis:

The proposed corrective actions meet the intent of the recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation when the agency provides to OIG a) a copy of the completed (issued) revised version of NUREG-1556 Volume 2, and b) a copy of the procedure that includes the standardized license conditions and authorized users.

Status:

Resolved.