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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 LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
(OIG-15-A-20)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR  
REGULATION, MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 24, 2016

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 March 24, 2016. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are closed. All recommendations associated with this report are now closed.

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

OIG-15-A-20

#### 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 March 24, 2016:

Complete. As committed to in our memorandum dated October 23, 2105, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) updated the Reactor Oversight Inspection Procedures and has eliminated the term from the specific NRR procedure (IP 71124.08) identified in the audit report. The revised procedure can be found in Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML15345A075. If the staff uses the phrase "long-term storage" in the future, it will define the term, specifically by defining how long long-term storage should last.

**Completed Date:** January 26, 2016

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

OIG Analysis:

OIG has reviewed and verified that the phrase "long-term storage" has been removed from Inspection Procedure 71124.08. This recommendation is now closed.

**Status:**

Closed.

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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 March 24, 2016: Complete. Staff reviewed mechanisms to share updated information between the headquarters program and regional offices. The staff determined that a monthly teleconference between NRR and regional radiation protection counterparts is the best way to update regional offices on changes to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, changes to applicable Federal regulations, and changes in NRC policies. NMSS transportation experts participate in these monthly teleconferences to provide updates and respond to any questions raised by the participants.

**Completed Date:** December 31, 2015

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

OIG Analysis: OIG has reviewed and verified a monthly teleconference call schedule between headquarters and the regional offices to communicate updates of transportation regulations. OIG has verified that the appropriate agency's transportation subject matter expert is on the monthly teleconference call schedule. This recommendation is closed.

**Status:** Closed.