

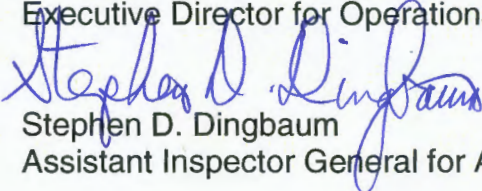


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June 6, 2016

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: 
Stephen D. Dingbaum
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS: REACTOR SAFETY
BASELINE INSPECTION PROCEDURES (OIG-16-A-12)

REFERENCE: OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
DIRECTOR, MEMORANDUM DATED May 6, 2016

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated May 6, 2016. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by October 21, 2016.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or Paul Rades, Team Leader, at 415-6228.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

**AUDIT OF NRC'S REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS: REACTOR SAFETY
BASELINE INSPECTION PROCEDURES**

OIG-16-A-12

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Develop and implement controls to ensure mandatory and discretionary language used in inspection procedures is clear and consistent.

Agency Response
Dated May 6, 2016:

We agree with this recommendation. As part of the ongoing periodic assessment process outlined in Appendix B to Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0307, "Reactor Oversight Process Baseline Inspection Procedure Reviews," the staff has undertaken actions to ensure that baseline inspection procedures are reviewed, and if necessary, revised to ensure mandatory and discretionary language used is clear and consistent. In addition, IMC-0040, "Preparing, Revising and Issuing Documents for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection Manual," will be revised to strengthen relevant provisions and controls associated with establishing mandatory and discretionary inspection language in inspection documents.

Target Date for Completion: December 31, 2016

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed after OIG reviews the developed and implemented controls to ensure mandatory and discretionary language used in inspection procedures is clear and consistent.

Status: Resolved.

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**AUDIT OF NRC'S REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS: REACTOR SAFETY
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OIG-16-A-12

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Notify staff and managers of controls developed to ensure that mandatory and discretionary language used in inspection procedures is clear and consistent.

Agency Response
Dated May 6, 2016:

We agree with this recommendation. Once IMC-0040 has been revised to incorporate more stringent controls and provisions to ensure that mandatory and discretionary language used in inspection procedures is clear and consistent, all regional inspection management and staff will be formally notified through a memorandum from the Director, Division of Inspection and Regional Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Target Date for Completion: December 31, 2016

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed after OIG reviews efforts to notify staff and managers of controls developed to ensure mandatory and discretionary language used in inspection procedures is clear and consistent.

Status: Resolved.