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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations
Stephen D. Dingbaum

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
OVERSIGHT OF SPENT FUEL POOLS (OIG-15-A-06)

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

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) updated analysis and status of recommendation 2 as discussed in the agency's response dated March 24, 2016. Based on this response and the follow-up meeting OIG had with the agency on May 25, 2016, recommendation 2 is now closed. The status of the remaining recommendations has not changed – recommendations 1 and 3 were resolved and recommendation 4 was previously 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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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Develop and implement spent fuel pool inspection guidance at operating reactors.

Agency Response Dated
March 24, 2016:

On October 30, 2015, the staff issued the initial version of Inspection Procedure (IP) 60715, "Spent Fuel Safety at Operating Reactors," (ADAMS Accession No. ML15247A049). Regional inspectors may use this inspection procedure to review infrequent major activities in the spent fuel pool or to evaluate emergent technical issues not related to licensee performance. These inspections are not part of the baseline or supplemental inspection program elements and Regional Administrator authorization is required for their implementation.

This action is complete and Recommendation 2 should be closed.

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OIG Analysis:

On May 25, 2016, NRC engaged OIG in a follow-up meeting to gain a better understanding of OIG's concerns of the unlikelihood that this new inspection procedure would be implemented by resident inspectors. Agency staff stated that no specific entry conditions or examples are needed in the procedure beyond the IMC 2515 Appendix C generic statements, nor are specific procedure entry conditions needed for it to be approved for use when requested by resident inspectors. Agency staff stated that resident inspectors and regional staff/management are fully aware of IP 60715 and the procedure can be easily requested for implementation approval by the Regional Administrator

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whenever an inspector identifies a need to implement all or portions of IP 60715.

Based on the information provided by NRC, OIG closes this recommendation. A future OIG audit will be considered to assess the ease of use and effectiveness of the process for gaining approval to perform the IMC 2515 Appendix C Infrequently Used Procedures.

Status: Closed.