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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Hubert T. Bell /RA/

Inspector General

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF NRC'S

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2014 FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2016 (OIG-17-A-03)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) evaluation report titled Independent Evaluation of NRC's Implementation of the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 for Fiscal Year 2016. The objective was to perform an independent evaluation of NRC's implementation of FISMA 2014 for Fiscal Year 2016.

OIG found that NRC has continued to make improvements to its information technology (IT) security program and progress in implementing the recommendations resulting from previous FISMA evaluations. However, the evaluation identified the following IT security program weaknesses: (1) continuous monitoring is not performed as required; (2) the NRC system inventory is not up-to-date; and (3) NRC did not provide sufficient documentation to determine if oversight of contractor systems is adequate.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Brett M. Baker, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 415-5915 or me at 415-5930.

Attachment: As stated

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Commissioner Baran R. Lewis, OEDO