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INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Hubert T. Bell */RA/*
Inspector General

SUBJECT: AUDIT OF NRC'S FOREIGN ASSIGNEE PROGRAM
(OIG-17-A-07)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report titled *Audit of NRC's Foreign Assignee Program*. The audit objective was to assess whether NRC's foreign assignee program provides adequate information security.

OIG found that information security requirements for the foreign assignee program are not implemented consistently, because there is no specific procedure to guide implementation of those requirements. As a result, program offices may not be able to maintain adequate information protection. In addition, foreign assignees use a non-NRC, external email address while working at NRC. The use of external email presents a potential risk of an unintentional spillage of information that should be protected.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Brett M. Baker, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (301) 415-5915 or me at (301) 415-5930.

Attachment: As stated

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