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May 31, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Dr. Brett M. Baker */RA/*
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
FIRE PROTECTION OVERSIGHT FOR OPERATING
REACTORS (OIG-17-A-10)

REFERENCE: DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR REACTOR AND
PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS MEMORANDUM DATED
MAY 12, 2017

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated May 12, 2017. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide a status update on these recommendations by January 19, 2018.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915 or Paul Rades, Team Leader, at (301) 415-6228.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

Audit of NRC's Fire Protection Oversight for Operating Reactors

OIG-17-A-10

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Identify and implement best practices to enhance inspectors' ability to apply the appropriate regulatory requirements, licensing basis, and guidance documents to individual plants.

Agency Response Dated
May 12, 2017:

The staff agrees with the recommendation.

Staff will develop a guidance document to ensure the inspectors' ability to apply appropriate regulatory requirements and licensing bases (i.e., specific regulatory requirements for individual nuclear plants). The guidance document will provide a clear understanding to regional inspection staff about the applicability of fire protection regulatory requirements and licensing bases for individual plants. The guidance document will help to assure accurate and consistent application of regulatory requirements to the areas being inspected. Headquarters staff will develop the guidance document with input from their regional counterparts.

Target date for completion: December 31, 2017.

Contact: Jay E. Robinson, Acting Branch Chief, NRR/DRA
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OIG Analysis: The proposed actions meet the intent of this recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation after reviewing appropriate documentation, and other information as needed, to verify that staff have undertaken actions as described in their response.

Status: Resolved.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Identify and reinforce tools and methods available for identifying and communicating issues suitable for knowledge transfer to improve future inspections.

Agency Response Dated
May 12, 2017:

The staff agrees with the recommendation.

Staff will develop a guidance document describing a process by which inspection staff can document insights regarding licensing basis and plant specific programs obtained during the process of dispositioning potential fire protection inspection issues. Documenting such insights will constitute knowledge transfer and will improve communication and benefit future inspections. To create this documentation process, headquarters staff will work with their regional counterparts to develop tools and methods for knowledge transfer between inspectors.

Target date for completion: December 31, 2017.

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OIG Analysis: OIG will close this recommendation after reviewing appropriate documentation, and other information as needed, to verify that staff have undertaken the actions as described in their response.

Status: Resolved.