



**UNITED STATES
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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

July 27, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-331
Washington, DC 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

This letter is to inform you that the audit of the Fiscal Year 2017 financial statements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is underway. We held an entrance conference with NRC officials on May 17, 2017.

We are responsible for conducting audits of NRC's financial statements in accordance with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, Chapter 9, Sections 901(b)(2) and 902(a)(6). We plan to issue our report by November 15, 2017. Upon your request, we will provide periodic status reports on the audit and/or a copy of the draft report that we provide to the NRC for comment.

A copy of the audit engagement letter is enclosed. This letter explains the nature of the engagement, auditor responsibilities, and the responsibilities of NRC management. Should this letter and the enclosed engagement letter not represent your understanding of the nature of this engagement, or should you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-5930 or by email at hubert.bell@nrc.gov, or Dr. Brett M. Baker, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (301) 415-5915 or by email at brett.baker@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hubert T. Bell".

Hubert T. Bell
Inspector General

Enclosure: As stated