

# **UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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Victor M. McCree **MEMORANDUM TO:** 

**Executive Director for Operations** 

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STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S SUBJECT:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROCESS

(OIG-14-A-17)

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER MEMORANDUM DATED REFERENCE:

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated December 7, 2017. Based on this response, recommendation 1 is closed. Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were previously closed. All recommendations related to this report are now closed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915 or Beth Serepca, Team Leader, at (301) 415-5911.

Attachment: As stated

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#### **AUDIT REPORT**

## **AUDIT OF NRC'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROCESS**

### OIG-14-A-17

### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

Implement technology, such as RedactXpress, in the regions and larger program offices to more efficiently process FOIA requests.

Agency Response Dated December 7, 2017:

This task has been implemented in the revised Management Directive 3.1, "Freedom of Information Act," to offer manual and electronic processing of Freedom of Information Act records. Electronic processing can be completed by the regions and program offices by using Adobe Acrobat Pro DC. Offices will also be able to provide unredacted records with a written description of the specific information that the subject matter experts recommend should be redacted. Due to agency budget constraints, the Office of the Chief Information Officer is not able to purchase RedactXpress for every user in each region and program office.

OIG Analysis:

OIG spoke with the point of contact and determined that MD 3.1 was revised to include the requirement for electronic processing and that the technology is implemented. The MD explains how the regions and larger program offices can use the technology to more efficiently process FOIA requests.

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Status: Closed.