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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Brett M. Baker
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS:
AUDIT OF NRC'S REGULATORY ANALYSIS PROCESS
(OIG-15-A-15)

This letter provides the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's status update for Recommendation 3 from the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG's) audit OIG-15-A-15, "Audit of the NRC's Regulatory Analysis Process," dated June 24, 2015.

Recommendation 3:

Update and implement the cost benefit guidance documents as planned in SECY-14-0002, "Plan for Updating the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Cost-Benefit Guidance." Incorporate this guidance into office procedures by reference.

Response:

On April 17, 2017, the staff published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 18163) a request for public comment on the draft NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5, "Regulatory Analysis Guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17100A480). The 60-day public comment period closed on June 16, 2017. The staff considered and addressed, as appropriate, the comments submitted on the draft NUREG. The final NUREG is currently in publication review with an expected delivery to the Commission with a notation vote paper by April 2018. The staff updated interim Revision 2 of NMSS Policy and Procedure 6-10, "NMSS Procedures for Preparation and Review of Rulemaking Packages" (ADAMS Accession No. ML17257A004), to reference the draft Revision 5 of NUREG/BR-0058 that was released in April 2017. Following Commission review and approval, the staff will revise its procedures to reference the final NUREG.

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Target Completion Dates:

April 2017 (completed – issued draft NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5)

October 2017 (completed – updated NMSS Policy and Procedure 6-10)

April 2018 (target – issue notation vote paper with Revision 5 to NUREG/BR-0058)

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