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**OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

March 29, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF NRC'S
DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE
INSTRUMENT INVENTORY (OIG-18-A-09)

REFERENCE: ACTING DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
MATERIALS, WASTE, RESEARCH, STATE, TRIBAL,
COMPLIANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL
PROGRAMS MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 07, 2018

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of the recommendation as discussed in the agency's response dated March 7, 2018. Based on this response, recommendation 1 is resolved. Please provide a status update on the resolved recommendation by November 15, 2018.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915, or Eric Rivera, Team Leader, at (301) 415-7032.

Attachments: As stated

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Audit Report

AUDIT OF NRC'S DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE INSTRUMENT INVENTORY

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Status of Recommendations

- Recommendation 1: Update guidance to reflect current practices, including, but not limited to:
- A. Define what is to be kept in the files and/or safe and implement the guidance.
 - B. Define the filing methodology for the safe (e.g., by licensee, site, license, or instrument).
 - C. Require supporting documentation of completion of every step in the NMSS and NRR evaluations.
 - D. Describe procedural steps for NRR to complete the evaluations or state expectations for NRR to complete the same steps as NMSS.
 - E. Require written follow-up from the NMSS and NRR evaluations by the auditee to the evaluator, to ensure any identified discrepancies are corrected.
 - F. Require NMSS and NRR evaluation reports and the Inventory List to be marked OUO, as appropriate.
 - G. Require segregation of duties between the person in NMSS who maintains the Inventory List and the person who completes the annual evaluation.

Agency Response Dated
March 7, 2018:

The staff agrees with this recommendation.

Management Directive (MD) 8.12, "Decommissioning Financial Assurance Instrument Security Program," provides the guidance on maintaining and auditing the NRC's financial assurance inventory by headquarters and the Regions.

Planned Actions: MD 8.12 will be updated to address the OIG recommendation. To allow for a functional test of the revised approach and directions, a draft revision of MD 8.12 will be developed and utilized for the fiscal year (FY) 2018 internal and external audits. Based on the results of the functional test, a revised draft will be completed by December 31, 2018. The updated MD will be finalized by June 30, 2019, to allow for use in the FY 2019 internal audit.

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Recommendation 1 (cont.):

The target date for completion is June 30, 2019.

OIG Analysis:

The proposed corrective action addresses the intent of OIG's recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation after reviewing the updated guidance and determining that it reflects current practices.

Status:

Resolved.