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SUBJECT: STAFF RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S AUDIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION'S OVERSIGHT OF THE NATIONAL MATERIALS
PROGRAM (OIG-18-A-11)

The staff has received the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG's) "*Audit of NRC's Oversight of the National Materials Program*," dated April 4, 2018. This memorandum provides the staff's responses to the two audit recommendations. The response includes the staff's planned actions and the target dates for completing the planned actions.

The OIG Audit Report makes two recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) oversight of the National Materials Program through improving documentation and communication of the National Materials Program framework. The staff response is provided below.

Recommendation 1:

Formalize the National Materials Program framework in a document to include a definition, vision, mission, goals and objectives, membership, members' roles and responsibilities, and activities.

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Response and Planned Action

The NRC staff agrees with the recommendation and will take a “phased” approach to address the recommendation. The following actions are planned:

1. Take the existing documents which identify concepts for the National Materials Program, and working with the Organization of Agreement States, develop a draft National Materials Program guidance document that includes a definition, vision, mission, goals and objectives, membership, members’ roles and responsibilities, and activities.
2. Issue the draft National Materials Program guidance document for comment to NRC Regional Offices and all the Agreement States.
3. Finalize the document, issue it formally, and place it on the NRC’s State Portal under the National Materials Program tab.

The NRC staff plans to issue the document as a State Agreement (SA) procedure. The NRC staff will evaluate the effectiveness of developing a corresponding “National Materials Program” Management Directive, where the SA procedure would be the Management Directive handbook.

Target date for completion:

Complete action by January 2019

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Recommendation 2:

Designate an NRC individual with expert knowledge to serve as the National Materials Program champion to help with consistent communication. NRC should encourage the Agreement States to create a co-champion to serve as the NRC champion’s peer.

Response and Planned Action

The staff agrees with the recommendation. The designation of an NRC National Materials Program champion will occur concurrent with the development of the guidance document (Recommendation 1); consistent with the roles and responsibilities documented in the guidance document. This action will also include working with the Organization of Agreement States to identify the co-champion.

Target date for completion:

Complete action by January 2019

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