



**Defense Nuclear Facilities
Safety Board**

Washington, DC 20004-2901

**Office of the
Inspector General**

October 1, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: Glenn Sklar
General Manager

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

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF DNFSB'S
RESIDENT INSPECTOR PROGRAM (DNFSB-17-A-05)

REFERENCE: GENERAL MANAGER, DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES
SAFETY BOARD, CORRESPONDENCE DATED
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of the recommendation as discussed in DNFSB's response dated September 4, 2018. Based on this response, recommendation 2 is unresolved. Recommendation 1 was previously closed.

Please provide an updated status of the unresolved recommendation by December 28, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915, or Sherri Miotla, Team Leader, at (301) 415-5914.

Attachment: As stated

cc: R. Howard, OGM

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Develop and implement a formal, transparent process for annually determining which defense nuclear sites will have resident inspectors, along with the staffing of those sites.

Agency Response Dated
September 4, 2018:

Based on the Board's recent reorganization, we are modifying the response to this recommendation. Specifically, the Board determined that the DNFSB will have the following resident inspectors at the following sites:

LANL, Pantex, SRS, Y-12: one senior resident inspector, two resident inspectors

Hanford: one senior resident inspector, one resident inspector

Albuquerque: one senior resident inspector, one resident inspector to cover SNL and WIPP

Las Vegas: one senior resident inspector, one resident inspector to cover LLNL, NNSS, and INL

This allocation and staffing was determined by the Board and will continue for the foreseeable future (i.e., FY2019, FY2020). If the Board determines that the allocation and staffing needs to be changed, the Board will do so via its annual approval of a staffing plan.

OIG Analysis:

Based on the notational voting record found on DNFSB's public Web site, it does not appear this resident inspector allocation and staffing was conducted transparently by the collective Board. There is also no mention of the process used, or the type of analysis conducted, in making this resident inspector allocation and staffing decision.

Additionally, as one of DNFSB's visions from its Strategic Plan is to conduct operations "in a manner that is accountable and transparent," the agency should adhere to this commitment when determining resident inspector site and staffing decisions. Operating in such a manner would also serve to enhance stakeholder confidence in DNFSB's ability

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2 (cont.):

to effectively oversee DOE's defense nuclear facilities. Consequently, DNFSB's response does not meet the intent of OIG's recommendation.

Status: Unresolved.