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November 13, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane

Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Dr. Brett M. Baker /RA/

Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION: AUDIT OF NRC'S

REGULATORY ANALYSIS PROCESS (OIG-15-A-15)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY

AND SAFEGUARDS, MEMORANDUM DATED

NOVEMBER 2, 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 November 2, 2018. Based on this response recommendation 3 remains in resolved status. Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 were closed previously. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendation by May 3, 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 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 REGULATORY ANALYSIS PROCESS

OIG-15-A-15

Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 3:

Update and implement the cost benefit guidance documents as planned in SECY-14-0002. Incorporate this guidance into office procedures by reference.

Agency Response Dated November 2, 2018:

On March 29, 2018, the staff submitted to the Commission by a notation vote paper SECY-18-0042, "Draft Final NUREG/BR-0058, Regulatory Analysis Guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission". Following Commission review and approval of Revision 5, the staff will issue the final NUREG and publish the document on the NRC library's document collection Web site. We will issue a publication announcement when the document is finalized. On September 28, 2018, the staff issued Revision 3 of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Policy and Procedures 6-10, "NMSS Procedures for Preparation and Review of Rulemaking Packages", and it includes a reference to NUREG/BR-0058. This reference results in the incorporation of the approved cost benefit guidance into the office policies and procedures.

Target Completion Dates:

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

September 2018 (completed) – issued NMSS Policy and Procedure 6-10, Revision 3

OIG Analysis:

The proposed corrective action addresses the intent of OIG's recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG receives and reviews the final NUREG that provides cost benefit guidance, along with evidence that it has been implemented.

Status: Resolved.