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**OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

October 10, 2019

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Margaret M. Doane  
Executive Director for Operations

**FROM:** Dr. Brett M. Baker */RA/*  
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**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE U.S.  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S FOREIGN  
ASSIGNEE PROGRAM (OIG-17-A-07)

**REFERENCE:** DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS,  
MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated September 19, 2019. Based on this response, recommendations 2 and 3 remain open and resolved. Recommendation 1 was previously closed. Please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations by January 10, 2020.

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

Attachment: As stated

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## Audit Report

### AUDIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S FOREIGN ASSIGNEE PROGRAM

OIG-17-A-07

#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Develop a secure, cost-efficient method to provide foreign assignees an email account which allows for NRC detection and mitigation of inadvertent transmission of sensitive information and seek Commission approval to implement it.

Agency Response Dated  
September 19, 2019:

Agree: The Office of International Programs (OIP) is working with staff to develop a Notation Vote Paper seeking Commission approval for implementation of a secure, cost-efficient method to provide foreign assignees e-mail accounts that can be monitored by the NRC for the inadvertent transmission of sensitive information, as well as associated information security and communication improvements. The information technology enhancements needed to support this initiative could only be developed following the issuance of the Information Technology Systems and Network Cross-Cutting Services Blanket Purchase Agreement Call under the Global Infrastructure and Development Acquisition contract. OIP received the Office of the Chief Information Officer's proposal in August 2019 and plans to send the voting paper to the Commission in December 2019 after aligning with agency stakeholders.

Revised Target Completion Date: December 20, 2019

OIG Analysis: The proposed action meets the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG reviews the Commission Paper seeking approval of, and resources for, a secure, cost-efficient method to provide foreign assignees an email account that can be monitored by NRC, and allows for detection and mitigation of inadvertent transmission of sensitive information.

Status: Open: Resolved.

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#### Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 3: When an NRC approved email account is available, develop specific Computer Security Rules of Behavior for foreign assignees using the approved email.

Agency Response Dated  
September 19, 2019:

Agree. Staff will develop Computer Security Rules of Behavior for foreign assignees, subject to Commission approval of staff's proposed approach for responding to Recommendation 2.

Target Completion Date: Staff will complete this action within 6 months following Commission approval.

OIG Analysis:

The proposed actions meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG reviews the aforementioned Commission Paper seeking approval, in part, for Computer Security Rules of Behavior for foreign assignees and confirms these Rules of Behavior have been appropriately developed.

**Status:**

Open: Resolved.