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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Brett M. Baker  
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SUBJECT: STAFF RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR  
GENERAL'S AUDIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION'S REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF RADIATION  
SAFETY OFFICERS (OIG-20-A-15)

The staff received the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) "*Audit of NRC's Regulatory Oversight of Radiation Safety Officers*," dated August 10, 2020. This memorandum provides the staff's response to the audit recommendation. The response includes the planned action and the target date for completing the planned action.

The OIG Audit Report made one recommendation regarding the regulatory oversight of radiation safety officers (RSO). Current requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 35.24 allow for a licensee to utilize a temporary RSO for up to 60 days of the year as necessary. The licensee is required to notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the temporary RSO in accordance with 10 CFR 35.14 within 30 days of the appointment. The OIG's recommendation and staff's response are provided below.

**Recommendation 1:**

Evaluate and document the benefits of strengthening internal controls to ensure temporary RSOs appointments are established and terminated in accordance with NRC policy.

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Response and Planned Action

The NRC staff agrees with the recommendation. The following steps will be taken to address the recommendation:

1. Staff will use a risk-informed approach to evaluate and document the benefits of strengthening current internal control processes and will seek input from our internal stakeholders.
2. If additional internal controls are identified that need to be implemented, staff will communicate the plans to the OIG.

Target date for completion:

Complete action by June 28, 2021.

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