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**OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

July 19, 2021

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

**FROM:** Eric Rivera */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 JUNE 23, 2021

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated June 23, 2021. Based on this response, recommendations two and three remain open and resolved. Recommendation one was previously closed. Would you please provide an updated status of the resolved recommendations **by December 28, 2021**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-7032 or Terri Cooper, Team Leader, at (301) 415-5965.

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  
June 23, 2021:

Open: Resolved. The Commission Paper (SECY-19-0124) was approved on May 27, 2021. Subsequent to this approval, SRM 19-0124 directed staff to provide cloud-only e-mail and calendar accounts for foreign assignees via the NRC's O365 cloud subscription, and access to the BOX file sharing tool, which will be provided by Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) staff. The target completion date is September 24, 2021.

NOTE: The rules of behavior was added subsequent to the original SECY. The response to OIG in July 2020 stated that the rules of behavior would be completed within 6 months following Commission approval of Recommendation, hence it will reflect a different target completion date than Recommendation 3.

OIG Analysis: The proposed actions meet the intent of the recommendation. The OIG will close this recommendation when the agency provides cloud-only email and calendar accounts for foreign assignees via the NRC's O365 cloud subscription and access to the BOX file sharing tool.

**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  
June 23, 2021:

Open: Resolved. The Commission Paper (SECY-19-0124) was approved on May 27, 2021, and addresses Computer Security Rules of Behavior which will be developed by OCIO staff. The target completion date is November 26, 2021.

OIG Analysis:

The proposed actions meet the intent of the recommendation. The OIG will close this recommendation once the OCIO develops Computer Security Rules of Behavior for foreign assignees using an NRC-approved email account.

**Status:**

Open: Resolved.