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MEMORANDUM TO: Eric Rivera
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FROM: Mirela Gavrilas, Director
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SUBJECT: STAFF RESPONSE UPDATE TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S AUDIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S CYBER SECURITY INSPECTIONS AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (OIG-19-A-13)

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Audit Report OIG-19-A-13, "Audit of NRC's Cyber Security Inspections at Nuclear Power Plants," dated June 4, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19155A317). In this report, OIG presents two audit recommendations for improving the cyber security inspection program. The staff considers Recommendation 1 closed, as detailed in a memo to you from Daniel Dorman, dated July 3, 2019, "Staff Response to the Office of the Inspector General's Audit of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Cyber Security Inspections at Nuclear Power Plants (OIG-19-A-13)" (ADAMS Accession No. ML19172A292). To address Recommendation 2, the staff issued Inspection Procedure (IP) 71130, Attachment 10, "Cyber Security" (ADAMS Accession No. ML21155A172), on September 3, 2021, to incorporate performance-based methods for licensees to demonstrate cyber security program effectiveness in the reactor oversight program framework. The IP enables licensee use of performance measures and performance testing. With issuance of the IP, which will be used starting in calendar year 2022, NSIR recommends closure of Recommendation 2. The NRC staff appreciates the OIG's audit of cyber security inspections at nuclear power plants.

If you have any questions regarding staff's response, please contact Kim Holloway or Jim Beardsley of my staff.

Enclosure:
Response to OIG
Recommendation #2
(OIG-19-A-13)

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