



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2026

TO: Michael F. King
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Hruta Virkar, CPA /*RA*/
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: EVALUATION OF
THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MANAGEMENT
(OIG-24-E-01)

REFERENCE: CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
INFORMATION OFFICER, MEMORANDUM DATED
APRIL 21, 2026

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated April 21, 2026. Based on this response, all recommendations are now closed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 301.415.1982 or Danielle Mahal, Team Leader, at 301.415.5965.

Attachment:
As stated

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Recommendation 1.2: Update Management Directive (MD) 13.1, *Property Management*, or develop other guidance, to clearly describe the roles and responsibilities of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) employees and contractors as it pertains to the handling, storage, issuance, and return of Information Technology (IT) assets under the \$2,500 threshold.

Agency Response

Dated April 21, 2026:

NRC staff agree with this recommendation.

All updates have been incorporated into MD 13.1 (ML23349A082). Section III.H of the directive outlines the responsibility of the Chief Information Officer. This update was also reflected in the Yellow Announcement (YA-26-0032) published on March 23, 2026.

The associated handbook, specifically the sections below, outlines the required procedures and defines the roles and responsibilities for managing all government-issued IT assets. In several cases, the guidance is specific to property items that fall below the \$2,500 accountability threshold.

- Section I.C. Property Custodians
- Section I.D. NRC Employees
- Section I.E.2. Non-sensitive Property
- Section I.F. NRC Space and Property Management System (SPMS)
- Section I.G. ServiceNow
- Section I.H.2. Control of Equipment (NRC Tags)
- Section I.J. Reassignment or Transfer of Equipment
- Section II.E. Returning All Property Upon Separation from the NRC

Additionally, Section IV. *IT Asset Management Policy* of the updated IT Asset Management (ITAM) Policy (ML26061A297) sets the agency's requirements for proper handling, safeguarding, and management of all government-issued IT assets. These requirements apply to both employees and contractors ensuring consistent handling, tracking, and stewardship across the full asset lifecycle.

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Recommendation 1.2 (Continued):

OIG Analysis: The OIG determined that the corrective action taken met the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation is closed.

Status: Closed

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Recommendation 3.1: Update MD 13.1, *Property Management*, and the *Hardware Asset Management (HAM) Playbook*, or develop other guidance, to expressly state the roles and responsibilities for acquiring assets and requesting red tags for IT assets in a timely manner.

Agency Response

Dated April 21, 2026:

NRC staff agree with this recommendation.

Section VI. *Purchase of Hardware and Software* of the updated ITAM Policy (ML26061A297) provides guidance on the proper acquisition of IT assets, ensuring that all purchases follow established approval, documentation, and accountability requirements. Section VII. *Roles and Responsibilities* define duties of supervisors and personnel throughout the asset lifecycle process.

Section I.H. *Tagging and Control of Equipment* in the associated handbook for MD 13.1 (ML23349A082) outline the operational steps that the property custodians must follow to obtain property tags in a timely manner and ensure all accountable property is properly identified and recorded. It also establishes the threshold criteria that determines when red tags must be applied.

Additional guidance is provided in the ITAM Playbook, Section 4.3.1(iii) which outlines the detailed steps required to obtain red tags in a timely manner for large orders, ensuring proper identification, tracking, and accountability during high-volume asset intake.

OIG Analysis:

The OIG determined that the corrective action taken met the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation is closed.

Status:

Closed

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Recommendation 4.1: Update the affected contract(s) to include a service level requirement for the sanitation of assets.

Agency Response
Dated April 21, 2026: NRC staff agree with this recommendation.

The affected contract was updated on March 12, 2026, to include a service level requirement for sanitation of assets. The updated language below has been formally added to Attachment 1 – Section C: Performance Work Statement for contract (NRC-HQ-10-17-A-0007 / 31310018F0015), the NRC's GLObal INfrastructure and Development Acquisition (GLINDA) End User Computing Services (EUC) contract. A copy of the contract modification and updated attachment has been provided directly to the Audit Manager.

C.3.3.3.1 Data Storage Device Sanitation Services

The Contractor shall perform data storage device sanitation services on the IT components that it disposes of for the NRC. The Contractor must provide a certification of sanitization to the Blanket Purchase Agreement Call Contracting Officer Representative. The Contractor shall provide certification for each item that is degaussed, and the certification must be current. Techniques used to sanitize media must be appropriate to the media type and must be in accordance with NRC security policies, processes, and procedures. Other guidance / reference resources include the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53; NIST SP 800-88; National Security Agency (NSA) Central Security Service (CSS) Policy Manual 9-12; International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 27002, "Information technology - Security techniques - Code of practice for information security management"; and Committee on National Security Systems Policy (CNSSP) No. 26, "National Policy on Reducing the Risk of Removable Media".

The contractor shall sanitize all EUC responsible personal computers within 30 calendar days from the 10 business days quarantine period end. For the regions and Technical Training Center, sanitization of data storage devices is jointly

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Recommendation 4.1 (Continued):

performed by the one contractor (within identified hours of operations in Section C.3.4.2.1) and federal IT Specialist assigned to each respective site. Any requested measurements require shared accountability and mutual agreement between the NRC Office of the Chief Information Officer and Leidos along with proper configuration of the Information Technology Service Management system.

OIG Analysis: The OIG determined that the corrective action taken met the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation is closed.

Status: Closed