

February 17, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Eliot Brenner
Director, Office of Public Affairs

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum/**RA**/
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S
CONTROLS OVER VIDEO NEWS RELEASES
(OIG-06-A-05)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MEMORANDUM DATED JANUARY 31, 2006

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations 1 and 2, as discussed in the agency's response dated January 31, 2006. Based on this response, recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved. Please provide an update on all resolved recommendations by May 22, 2006. In that response, please specify the anticipated completion dates for the actions needed to close the recommendations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915.

Attachment: Status of Recommendations

cc: W. Dean, OEDO

Audit Report
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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Establish a written NRC policy concerning video news releases that defines identification requirements and designates a central authority to verify application of the requirements.

Response Dated
January 31, 2006: Agree. OPA will propose a Commission policy statement which, if approved, will be distributed throughout the NRC. OPA also intends to modify Management Directive 5.5, as rapidly as possible, to clarify that OPA will be the central authority to ensure proper identification of any video news release or prepackaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution by the NRC.

OIG Analysis: The proposed actions meet the intent of the recommendation. This recommendation will be closed when OIG determines either that the Commission policy statement alone, or in concert with the updated Management Directive, defines the identification requirements and designates a central authority to verify application of the requirements. (Please be sure to include, in the next followup response, the anticipated completion date for both the policy statement and updated Management Directive.)

Status: Resolved.

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Recommendation 2: Communicate the Federal video news release policy to all NRC offices.

Response Dated
January 31, 2006: Agree. See response to recommendation 1.

OIG Analysis: The proposed action meets the intent of this recommendation. OIG will close this recommendation upon determining that the proposed Commission policy statement effectively communicates the Federal video news release policy and has been distributed agencywide.

Status: Resolved.