

March 8, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF NRC'S  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM (OIG-05-A-13)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION,  
MEMORANDUM DATED JANUARY 31, 2006

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendations 10, 11, and 12, as discussed in the agency's response dated January 31, 2006. Based on this response, recommendations 10, 11, and 12 are closed. Subsequently, the status of all audit recommendations connected with this report is as follows: Recommendations 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are closed; recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 are resolved. Please provide an update on the status of all resolved recommendations by June 5, 2006. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915.

Attachment: Status of Recommendations

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**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 10: Implement the existing security guard contract requirement to ensure the telephone closet doors are checked throughout the facility and add the requirement to check the telephone closet doors to the security guard post orders.

Response Dated  
January 31, 2006:

The Security Branch (SB) has reminded the security guard contractor to check telephone closet doors during and after normal working hours. The security guard post orders were modified and issued on September 20, 2005, to address this requirement.

OIG Analysis:

Both SB's reminder to the guard contractor and the modified post orders will strengthen NRC's controls over the telephone closet doors. This recommendation is therefore closed.

**Status:**

**Closed.**

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**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 11: Issue periodic reminders to telecommunications contractors, and to other contractors who require access to the telephone closets, conveying the NRC security requirement to keep the telephone closet doors locked when the closets are unattended.

Response Dated  
January 31, 2006:

On January 17, 2006, the SB sent a semiannual reminder to the two project officers responsible for the Operations and Maintenance and the Telecommunications contracts as these contractors require access to telephone closets. The SB will forward semiannual reminders to the project officers responsible for these two contracts in January and July of each year.

OIG Analysis:

OIG reviewed the reminder sent by SB to the project officers and found it communicates to the project officers the need for their continual attention to this issue and requires routine action on their parts to ensure the closed-door requirement is met. OIG also reviewed the e-mails sent by the project officers to the contractors reminding them of the requirement and found that they clearly convey the necessary information. This recommendation is therefore closed.

**Status:**

**Closed.**

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**Status of Recommendations**

Recommendation 12: Impose penalties, such as security infractions or fines, on individuals who do not adhere to the security requirement to keep the telephone closet doors locked.

Response Dated  
January 31, 2006: On January 18, 2006, the SB advised contractors and NRC employees with access to telephone closets that a security infraction will be issued for failure to keep telephone closet doors locked.

OIG Analysis: OIG reviewed the e-mail sent to contractors and employees and found it clearly conveys SB's intent to issue a security infraction to individuals who do not adhere to the security requirement when responsibility for failing to meet the requirement can be assigned to a specific individual. This recommendation is therefore closed.

**Status:** **Closed.**