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SUBJECT: AUDIT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS (OIG-09-A-06)

This is a response to the February 2, 2009, memorandum transmitting OIG-09-A-06, "Audit of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements." With respect to your recommendations, I submit the following responses:

Recommendation 1

Develop, document, implement, and communicate an agencywide process for reviewing backfit issues to ensure that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on NRC regulations and policy.

Response

Agree. I intend to task the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) and the responsible offices to evaluate the Office of the Inspector General's audit report and provide a plan to develop a systematic and comprehensive approach for reviewing the backfit implications of generic actions. This approach will incorporate the response to Recommendation 2 of the audit report. The staff will also be tasked with the development of an agencywide backfit training program to complement and reinforce the various program office backfit procedures. The overall goal will be to ensure that there is a documented agencywide review process that ensures that generic backfits are appropriately justified based on NRC regulations and policy: June 30, 2009.

Recommendation 2

Determine what, if any, role the CRGR should perform in NRC's backfit review process, to include whether the CRGR function is still needed.

Response

Agree. The staff will evaluate whether the CRGR should continue to function in the NRC's backfit review process or if it should function in a modified role: June 30, 2009.

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
Commissioner Svinicki
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