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SUBJECT: AUDIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S
AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM (OIG-09-A-08)

This memorandum serves to update you on the status of the agency's actions in response to the resolved recommendation of the subject audit. The committed action concerning recommendation 4 of the subject audit has been implemented. I offer the following status update on Recommendation 4:

Recommendation 4

Develop a standardized data collection process that can be used as the basis of an information sharing tool on a national level.

Response

To address the recommendation, in April 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a questionnaire to Agreement States in order to obtain input on the willingness to share certain information; estimates of the annual burden to share the information; and the legality of sharing the information from the State perspective (RCPD-10-006, ML100750102). NRC staff analyzed the data. Based on the responses received from the Agreement States, NRC staff concluded that a voluntary, password protected database on the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs public website that includes data involving bans, revocations, suspensions, and denials was the most suitable option due to several States' laws.

On June 16, 2011, NRC staff issued a letter to the Agreement States seeking voluntary information to the build a national enforcement database (RCPD-11-009, ML111380479). With the data received from the Agreement States, the database was built and tested. On November 8, 2011, the database was made available for Agreement State and NRC use (RCPD-11-019, National Enforcement Database Web Site Now Available To Registered Users, ML113040320). As previously mentioned, NRC cannot require Agreement States to provide

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