



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

**OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

February 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum **/RA/**
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

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

REFERENCE: CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS, MEMORANDUM DATED
DECEMBER 22, 2011

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's analysis and status of recommendation 1 as discussed in the agency's response dated December 22, 2011. Based on the response, recommendation 1 remains resolved. Recommendation 2 was previously closed. Please provide an updated status on recommendation 1 by May 1, 2012.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 415-5915 or RK Wild, Team Leader, at 415-5948.

Attachment: As stated

cc: N. Mamish, OEDO
K. Brock, OEDO
J. Arildsen, OEDO
C. Jaegers, OEDO

Audit Report

AUDIT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS

OIG-09-A-06

Status of Recommendation

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.

Agency Response Dated
December 22, 2011:

On November 15, 2011, the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) provided a draft final Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Facility-specific Backfitting and Information Collection" to the Office of Administration (ADM) for its final edits and formatting. At this point, the responsibilities of the CRGR with regards to the issuance of the revised MD 8.4 are completed. ADM now has the lead for issuance of the final MD.

Further, the CRGR has been in contact with the lead in the Office of Human Resources Division of Human Resources Training and Development (HRTD) regarding moving forward with the web-based Backfit Training Program. The HRTD division has the lead in developing the backfit training program, and they have taken steps to engage all the relevant stakeholders and subject matter experts (e.g., the Office of the General Counsel backfit expert) to ensure proper coordination and identification of the resources needed to establish the backfit training program.

Audit Report

AUDIT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS

OIG-09-A-06

Status of Recommendation

Recommendation 1 (continued):

Initial plans are to launch the web-based training program using the agency iLearn platform. The program will be graded from beginner to advanced and will include a periodic refresher training component. The tentative release date for the draft iLearn training program is January 2012.

OIG Analysis:

The current update continues to meet the intent of the original recommendation. However, OIG is concerned that the agency's proposed methods to communicate an agencywide process for reviewing backfit issues—namely, issuance of a revised MD 8.4 and the launching of a web-based training program—have not been completed. Not only did NRC miss its estimated January 2012 implementation date for the iLearn training program, the agency has failed to offer new estimated completion dates for the proposed methods. OIG will close the recommendation once we receive and review the final version of MD 8.4 and after reviewing the new backfit training programs to ensure implementation of the recommendation's intent.

Status:

Resolved.