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**OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Hubert T. Bell */RA/*  
Inspector General

SUBJECT: AUDIT OF NRC'S CONSTRUCTION REACTOR  
OVERSIGHT PROCESS (OIG-15-A-14)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report titled *Audit of NRC's Construction Reactor Oversight Process*. The audit objective was to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of NRC's Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP).

OIG found that NRC programs should be structured and implemented to provide reasonable assurance that the agency is accomplishing its mission efficiently and effectively. However, NRC regional construction inspection staff currently spend more time on administrative work than on construction inspection. This is because NRC efforts to identify process inefficiencies are not comprehensive, leaving the agency unable to identify process and functional redundancies, overlap, and gaps. As the pace of new reactor construction increases, unaddressed administrative inefficiencies could affect future cROP effectiveness.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen D. Dingbaum, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 415-5915 or me at 415-5930.

Attachment: As stated

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