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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 OVERSIGHT OF LOW-LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE (OIG-15-A-20)

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report titled *Audit of NRC's Oversight of Low-Level Radioactive Waste*. The audit objective was to determine whether NRC has the requisite processes in place for oversight of low-level radioactive waste at operating nuclear power plants.

OIG found that NRC has the requisite processes in place for oversight of low-level radioactive waste at operating nuclear power plants. However, these processes could be improved by 1) clearly defining the term "long-term storage" in future NRC documents or eliminating usage of the term, and 2) developing a mechanism to inform the regional offices of updates to transportation regulations.

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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