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MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached Distribution List

FROM: Scott A. Morris, Director */RA/*
Division of Inspection and Regional Support
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: DISPOSITIONING INSPECTION FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION (TI) 2515/191

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For an issue of concern that an inspector determines to be a more than minor performance deficiency, the inspector, working with their regional senior reactor analyst staff (when needed), will use IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Appendix M, "Significance Determination Process Using Qualitative Criteria." While determining the significance of potential findings the staff will remain informed of program governance being developed in draft Appendix O, "Post Fukushima Mitigating Strategies Significance Determination Process (Orders EA-12-049 and EA-12-051)." Draft IMC 0609, Appendix O can be found in ADAMS (ML16056A312). The Panel will review and discuss: issues of concern; performance deficiencies (minor and more-than-minor); inspection findings; their significance (using Appendix M, as informed by draft Appendix O) and any potential violations; and will decide how the issues will be dispositioned. If a finding is determined to be greater-than-Green, then the normal process outlined in IMC 0609, Attachment 1, "Significance Enforcement Review Panel," will be used. Use of Appendix M to dispose of TI-191 inspection findings will be discontinued upon final issuance of Appendix O, which is anticipated in May 2016.

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