

March 24, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen D. Dingbaum  
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SUBJECT: AUDIT OF NRC'S OVERSIGHT OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE  
WASTE (OIG-15-A-20)

This memorandum provides staff actions to close the two resolved recommendations from OIG15-A-20, "Audit of the NRC's Oversight of Low-Level Radioactive Waste."

Recommendation 1:

Define the term "long-term storage" in all future U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) documents. Alternatively, eliminate the term.

Resolution:

Complete. As committed to in our memorandum dated October 23, 2015, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) updated the Reactor Oversight Inspection Procedures and has eliminated the term from the specific NRR procedure (IP 71124.08) identified in the audit report. The revised procedure can be found in Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML15345A075. If the staff uses the phrase "long-term storage" in the future, it will define the term, specifically by defining how long long-term storage should last.

Completed Date: January 26, 2016

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Recommendation 2:

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