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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran

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

SUBJECT: INSPECTOR GENERAL'S ASSESSMENT OF NRC'S
MOST SERIOUS MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
CHALLENGES

In accordance with the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, the Inspector General (IG) is updating the list of what he considers to be the most serious management and performance challenges facing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and he is assessing the agency's progress in addressing these challenges. The IG defines serious management and performance challenges as mission critical areas or problems that have the potential for a perennial weakness or vulnerability that, without substantial management attention, would seriously impact agency operations or strategic goals. For your reference, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Assessment of NRC's Most Serious Management and Performance Challenges can be found at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1527/ML15274A142.pdf>.

On May 24, 2016, OIG staff met with representatives from the Office of the Executive Director for Operations and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to discuss and coordinate our approach for developing the FY 17 management and performance challenges assessment. OIG is requesting input with regard to challenges and agency actions to address the challenges by June 30, 2016. OIG will also consider information garnered through audits of NRC programs, agency actions taken in response to OIG reports, investigative reports, and information gathered through OIG's Issue Area Monitoring Program.

OIG plans to issue a discussion draft version of the management and performance challenges assessment to NRC in late August 2016. OIG requests comments from the agency within one week from the issuance of the draft report. Agency comments will be included, as appropriate, in the final report, which OIG plans to issue in early October 2016.

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