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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL TASKING RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION  
OF AGENCY BACKFITTING AND ISSUE FINALITY GUIDANCE

On June 9, 2016, I issued a tasking memorandum directing the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) to assess the agency's implementation of backfitting provisions as applied across various agency programs (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16133A575). This tasking included an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of existing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, guidance, criteria, training, and knowledge management relating to backfitting.

In developing the product requested in my June 9, 2016, tasking, the CRGR should consider all actions and direction related to backfitting issued by the agency since the tasking, such that the plan comprehensively addresses all currently understood challenges and opportunities regarding backfitting. For example, on September 15, 2016, I issued a decision on Exelon's backfit appeal for the Byron and Braidwood Stations (ADAMS Accession No. ML16246A247).

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