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MEMORANDUM TO: Maureen E. Wylie
Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE U.S.
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S FISCAL YEAR
2018 COMPLIANCE WITH IMPROPER PAYMENTS LAWS
(OIG-19-A-12)

REFERENCE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MEMORANDUM DATED
DECEMBER 20, 2019

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated December 20, 2019. Based on this response, all recommendations are now closed.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915, or Eric Rivera, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (301) 415-7032.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Take steps to ensure that the Appendix C risk assessment provides supportable information for IPIA compliance. This should include creating contract deliverables addressing Appendix C requirements and performing a quality assurance review to ensure that the contractor's conclusions are thoroughly supported by evidence.

Agency Response Dated December 20, 2019: OCFO has submitted a requisition in STAQS to modify the existing internal control contract to strengthen the language relating to the prompt delivery of complete workpapers for the annual assessment. This action will close this recommendation.

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency have met the intent of the recommendation. OIG reviewed and verified that the internal control contract was modified to strengthen the language related to the prompt delivery of complete workpapers for the annual assessment. This recommendation is now closed.

Status: Closed.

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Recommendation 2: Review the various payment integrity-related internal control efforts and review procedures to enhance consistency among the different internal control compliance requirements.

Agency Response Dated
December 20, 2019:

OCFO updated the OMB Circular A-123 Appendix A Senior Assessment Team (SAT) charter to include the OCFO Internal Control Team Leader as a member of the SAT. Additionally, the OCFO has implemented quarterly meetings with Division of Budget and Division of the Comptroller management and staff to enhance consistency among the NRC's internal control efforts. These actions will close the recommendation.

OIG Analysis:

The actions proposed by the agency have met the intent of the recommendation. OIG reviewed and verified the updated OMB Circular A-123 Appendix A SAT charter to ensure the circular included the OCFO Internal Control Team Leader as a member of the SAT and the implementation of quarterly meetings between management and staff of the Division of Budget, and the Division of the Comptroller. This recommendation is now closed.

Status:

Closed.

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation 3: Update policies/procedures pertaining to the agency's improper payment notification, tracking, and monitoring. This policy/procedure should include steps to address and correct the high-level root cause of the improper payments identified.

Agency Response Dated December 20, 2019: NRC's OCFO updated its accounting policy manual to include procedures relating to improper payments. This action will close the recommendation.

OIG Analysis: The actions proposed by the agency have met the intent of the recommendation. OIG reviewed the updated policies and procedures pertaining to the agency's improper payment notification, tracking, and monitoring, and verified the inclusion of steps addressing the root cause of improper payments identified. This recommendation is now closed.

Status: Closed.