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**OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

April 14, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: AUDIT OF THE U.S.
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S
CONSULTATION PRACTICES WITH FEDERALLY
RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL
GOVERNMENTS (OIG-18-A-10)

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY
AND SAFEGUARDS, MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 26,
2021

Attached is the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) analysis and status of recommendations as discussed in the agency's response dated March 26, 2021. Based on this response, recommendation two is now closed. Recommendations one, three, four, and five were previously closed; therefore, all recommendations are now closed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (301) 415-5915, or Mike Blair, Team Leader, at (301) 415-8339.

Attachment: As stated

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Audit Report

AUDIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION PRACTICES WITH FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

(OIG-18-A-10)

Status of Recommendations

<u>Recommendation 2:</u>	Update NRC office procedures to include more specific direction on how to coordinate with FSTB and how to work with Tribes.
Agency Response Dated April 26, 2021:	On December 10, 2020, the EDO issued Yellow Announcement YA-2020-0095, "Interim Guidance Implementing the U.S. Government Accountability Office Recommendation for Informing Tribes of Final Agency Decisions and Notice to Update Office Procedures Regarding Coordination with Tribal Input." The announcement provided immediately effective direction to all offices and programs that supplements guidance contained in MD 5.1 and TR-100, "Tribal Liaison Roles and Responsibilities," for Tribal interactions. Consistent with MD 5.1 and TR-100, this guidance immediately established that all programs that need to communicate with Indian Tribes coordinate those communications by contacting FSTB (now MSTB). MSTB has coordinated with all programs known to have interactions with Indian Tribes to ensure that they are aware of the direction contained in the Yellow Announcement. NMSS considers this recommendation to be closed.
OIG Analysis:	The OIG reviewed YA-2020-0095 and agrees this meets the intent of the recommendation. Therefore, this recommendation is now closed.
Status:	Closed.