

November 7, 2014

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO AUDIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY PROGRAM  
(OIG-14-A-21)

This memorandum is a public response to the actions planned for Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report dated September 29, 2014.

The staff responded to the audit recommendations on October 29, 2014. The staff's detailed response to the audit recommendations is non-publicly available.

Recommendation 1:

OIG recommends that the [Office of the] Executive Director for Operations (EDO):

1. Develop and maintain current, written Emergency Plans (EP) appropriate for natural disasters and hostile actions against their [licensee] facilities in accordance with NSA/CSS [National Security Agency/Central Security Service] Policy Manual No. 3-16. Target Completion Date: February 27, 2015
2. Review COMSEC [Communication Security] EPs annually.
3. Include current EP information and COMSEC equipment user duties with COMSEC equipment testing.

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Response:

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