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INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Borchardt Executive Director for Operations

J. E. Dyer Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Stephen D. Dingbaum /RA/ Assistant Inspector General for Audits

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM REPORT: AUDIT OF NRC'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL MANAGERS' FINANCIAL INTEGRITY ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 (OIG-12-A-07)

This report reflects the Office of the Inspector General's assessment of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) fiscal year (FY) 2011 compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA). We found that NRC complied with the FMFIA requirements.

BACKGROUND

The FMFIA, enacted on September 8, 1982, requires ongoing evaluations and reports of the adequacy of the systems of internal accounting and administrative control of each executive agency. Further, the FMFIA requires that, each year, the head of each executive agency report to the President and the Congress on their agency's compliance with the FMFIA requirements.

Effective beginning with FY 2006, Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-123, *Management's Responsibility for Internal Control*, revised December 2004, requires agencies to include the annual FMFIA report as part of the Performance and Accountability Report under the heading "Management Assurances." Additionally, this circular requires management to provide a separate assurance statement relating to the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

<u>RESULTS</u>

In the FY 2011 Performance and Accountability Report, the NRC Chairman provided reasonable assurance that internal control over operations, compliance with laws and regulations, and internal control over financial reporting were operating effectively and no material weaknesses were found. The Inspector General concurs with the assurances made and found that NRC complied with the FMFIA requirements.

AGENCY COMMENTS

A draft report was provided to the Executive Director for Operations and the Chief Financial Officer for comment. No comments were provided on the report.

SCOPE/CONTRIBUTORS

We audited the internal controls related to NRC's implementation of the FMFIA for FY 2011, and conducted our work at NRC Headquarters during January 2012, in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. This audit was conducted by Kathleen Stetson, Team Leader; Eric Rivera, Audit Manager; and Michael Steinberg, Senior Auditor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-5915 or Kathleen Stetson, Team Leader, at 415-8175.

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