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MEMORANDUM TO: Darren B. Ash,  
Deputy Executive Director  
for Corporate Management  
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

FROM: James P. Flanagan, Director  
Office of Information Services

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF INFLUENTIAL SCIENTIFIC  
INFORMATION

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The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (70 FR 2664) requires that agencies post to their public Web site an agenda of peer review plans, describing all planned and ongoing peer reviews of information products qualifying as influential scientific information (ISI) or highly influential scientific assessments (HISA). The Bulletin applies to scientific information products disseminated to the public on or after June 16, 2005.

The standard for ISI is "scientific information the agency reasonably can determine will have or does have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies or the private sector." The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Information Quality Guidelines focus the standard to apply to "information that forms the technical basis for a substantive rulemaking that has substantial impact on an industry," and "the information must have a clear and substantial impact on an industry that has a high probability of occurring" and "must impact regulatory decisions affecting a broad class of applicants or licensees."

The standard for HISA is "a scientific assessment utilized as the basis of a rulemaking or regulatory action that NRC or the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, determines could have a potential impact of more than "\$500 million in any single year on either the public or private sector or that the action represents a novel, controversial, or precedent-setting approach, or has significant interagency interest."

The Office of Information Services (OIS) has determined that NRC is not currently producing or sponsoring the distribution of ISI or HISA information as defined by OMB and NRC; consequently, NRC has no agenda information of forthcoming ISI or HISA disseminations to post on its Web site at this time. OIS has coordinated this finding with the Office of Nuclear

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Regulatory Research, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Office of New Reactors and the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs. Enclosed is the report for submission to OMB for your review and approval.

Enclosure:  
As stated

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/30/14

Darren B. Ash, Deputy Executive Director for Operations  
for Corporate Management

**Instructions:**

Attached is the FY12 IQ reporting template for you to use to compile your **DRAFT** agency reports. Please fill out your draft template using this Excel workbook. No other formats will be accepted.

Please note that this Excel workbook has 5 sheets (Instructions plus Sections I-IV). Each sheet contains a different section that must be filled out. Sections III and IV will require you to fill out a new form for each correction request you received. We have supplied 5 repeating forms for Section III and 3 repeating forms for Section IV. If you should need more, please contact OMB for assistance. You can delete any forms you do not need.

If your agency received no correction requests in FY12 and had no outstanding requests from FY03-FY09 or FY10 you need only to fill out Sections I and II of this form.

In sections III and IV you will need to fill out a unique form for each correction request you received.

Please do not post your draft reports on your webpages until OMB review is complete.

Please send all completed **draft** IQ reports (**DUE BY January 18, 2013**) electronically to: [informationquality@omb.eop.gov](mailto:informationquality@omb.eop.gov).

If you should have questions or problems, please contact Dr. Margo Schwab or Dr. James Kim at OMB.  
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# 2012 Year-End Information Quality Report

## Section I

I. Cover Sheet: Requests for Correction Received FY 2012 (Oct 1, 2011 to Sept 30, 2012)

Department Name: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Web page location of department information quality correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_  
http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/info-quality.html

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