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TITLE: Use of "Open Items List" by Inspectors

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Edward L. Jordan, Director  
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FROM: James H. Sniezek, Director  
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SUBJECT: USE OF "OPEN ITEMS LIST" BY INSPECTORS

Reference: Memorandum, R. L. Baer to Branch Chiefs in Regions and  
NRR, June 12, 1985, subject: "Proposed Guidelines for  
Inspecting Radioiodine Sampling Capability per NUREG-0737  
Item II.F.1.2."

The referenced memorandum encloses a draft memorandum to Region Division Directors advising that deviations by licensees from the technical guidance contained (in the draft memorandum) shall be "...held as open items on the inspection report and referred to NRR for evaluation on a case specific basis." You should note that open items declared on an inspection report, when based on new staff interpretations of existing positions, are plant-specific backfits in accordance with the policy established by NRC Manual Chapter 0514.

Further, in this case, the new interim guidelines for sampling system acceptance are obviously to be applied generically, so the revisions should be approved generically prior to imposition on licensees. Please inform me of your planned actions to deal with this matter.

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