

AU Section 9311

Planning and Supervision: Auditing Interpretations of Section 311

1. Communications Between the Auditor and Firm Personnel Responsible for Non-Audit Services

.01 *Question*—Section 311, *Planning and Supervision*, Appendix A, paragraph A2. [section 311.34], lists the following procedure that an auditor may consider in planning an audit: "Discussing matters that may affect the audit with firm personnel responsible for non-audit services to the entity."

.02 What specific things should the auditor consider in performing this procedure?

.03 *Interpretation*—The auditor should consider the nature of non-audit services that have been performed. He should assess whether the services involve matters that might be expected to affect the entity's financial statements or the performance of the audit, for example, tax planning or recommendations on a cost accounting system. If the auditor decides that the performance of the non-audit services or the information likely to have been gained from it may have implications for his audit, he should discuss the matter with personnel who rendered the services and consider how the expected conduct and scope of his audit may be affected. In some cases, the auditor may find it useful to review the pertinent portions of the work papers prepared for the non-audit engagement as an aid in determining the nature of the services rendered or the possible audit implications.

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[2.] Planning Considerations for an Audit of a Federally Assisted Program

[.04–.34] [Withdrawn March 1989.]

[3.] Responsibility of Assistants for the Resolution of Accounting and Auditing Issues

[.35–.37] [Deleted March 2006.]

[4.] Audit Considerations for the Year 2000 Issue

[.38–.47] [Withdrawn July 2000 by the Audit Issues Task Force.]