

August 15, 2001

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I am responding to the President's July 11, 2001, Memorandum on Implementing Government Reform. His memorandum directed heads of executive departments and agencies to designate a Chief Operating Officer to promote the principles of Government reform, and established the President's Management Council to assist the President in ensuring that Government reform is implemented throughout the executive branch. Independent agencies like the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) were requested to comply voluntarily with the memorandum.

The President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1980, which was approved by Congress, provides that the Chairman, as the Commission's principal executive officer, shall delegate to the NRC's Executive Director for Operations (EDO) the administrative functions of the agency, the responsibility for distributing business throughout the agency, and the preparation of reorganization proposals, budget estimates, and proposed distribution of appropriated funds. Under existing NRC delegations, the EDO is identified as the chief operating and administrative officer of the Commission. Accordingly, consistent with the Reorganization Plan and standing NRC directives, I designate the Executive Director for Operations, Dr. William D. Travers, as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Chief Operating Officer for purposes of the President's July 11, 2001 memorandum.

Sincerely,

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