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Washington, D.C. 20548

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(GAO-14-291)

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NRC notes the GAO findings and proposed recommendations to DOE and we do not have any comments.

We appreciate that your office gave us the opportunity to review this draft report. If you require additional support from NRC regarding this subject matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jesse Arildsen of my office at (301) 415-1785.

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