

November 10, 2015

Mr. David A. Powner
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Dear Mr. Powner:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing in response to the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) report entitled, "Information Technology Reform: Billions of Dollars in Savings Have Been Realized, but Agencies Need to Complete Reinvestment Plans" (GAO-15-617), dated September 15, 2015.

In the report, the GAO recommended that the NRC Chairman direct the Chief Information Officer to take the following two actions:

- As part of any future update to the agency's Information Resource Management (IRM) strategic plan or equivalent document, include information regarding the approach to reinvesting savings from the consolidation of commodity IT resources (including data centers) in accordance with Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) guidance.
- Ensure that the agency's integrated data collection submission to OMB includes for, all reported initiatives, complete plans to reinvest any resulting cost savings and avoidances from OMB-directed IT reform-related efforts.

The NRC concurs with these recommendations. In future updates to the IRM strategic plan, the NRC will include information regarding the approach to reinvesting savings from the consolidation of commodity IT resources (including data centers) in accordance with OMB's guidance. The NRC will also ensure that its integrated data collection submissions to OMB will include, for all reported initiatives, complete plans to reinvest any future resulting cost savings and avoidances from OMB-directed IT reform-related efforts, consistent with any applicable guidance that OMB may issue on this topic.

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If you should have any questions regarding the NRC's planned actions to implement the recommendations, please contact Mr. Darren Ash, Chief Information Officer, at email: Darren.Ash@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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