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**Subject:** [External\_Sender] RE: Request to Remove Milestones from NRC's Agency Actions and Milestones Table  
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Hi Vickie,

I would be happy to speak to your team in June. In regards to the milestones, I am okay with removing them.

Thank you for highlighting this.

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Hi, Randy.

It was pleasure to meet you Monday at our PortfolioStat session and to hear you give the Agile Governance briefing on Wednesday at the Monthly FITARA Implementation meeting. I gave the rest of our CPIC team a heads-up on the proposed changes to the Capital Planning Guidance and to the Chiefs of our Project Management Branch and our Strategic Planning Branch. There is interest in having you come to present to our PMs at our next Community of Practice session in June. If the guidance is final then, would you be interested in coming to NRC as a guest speaker on Agile Governance?

In regards to our Agency Actions and Milestones Table, there are two listed under budget execution that are actually just ongoing best practices that present a bit of a challenge in reporting in the table because (1) we would not have a Target for completion since we would update policy and processes as needed based on lessons learned and/or changes in requirements and (2) if I put "ongoing" instead of providing a date in the required format, it will cause errors. I asked about it at the Monthly FITARA Implementation meeting on Wednesday but believe you had left right after your presentation. Malissa suggested I email you to see if could remove them from the table. I could highlight them in the Word template documenting why they are being removed and then omit them

in JSON file.

The milestones in question are as follows:

- **“Through FY 2016, processes and reporting relating to the quarterly budget execution will continue to be refined and enhanced.”** (This is a standard best practice for us whenever we implement anything new. Since this is the first year of implementation, I assume we will need to refine our internal process based on lessons learned as we go, but it is impossible to know when that would be.)
- **“The NRC plans to continuously apply lessons learned and best practices to mature its IT investment and portfolio management. As new or updated processes are approved, they will be posted to the [NRC’s IT Policy Archive](#).”** (Again this is just what we do as appropriate.)

For your convenience, I have attached the pre-populated template with the items highlighted. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Thank you in advance.

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