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Mr. Gregory C. Wilshusen  
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Dear Mr. Wilshusen:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing in response to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report entitled "Information Security: NRC Needs to Improve Controls over Selected High-Impact Systems" (GAO-16-689SU), issued August 2016.

The NRC concurs with the 53 recommendations provided in the GAO report. The NRC's responses to the GAO recommendations can be found in the enclosure.

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to share its planned actions to implement the recommendations in the GAO Report. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Jolicoeur by phone at (301) 415-1642, or by email [John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc: Jeff Knott, GAO

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