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Ms. Carol C. Harris, Director  
Information Technology Acquisition Management Issues  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
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Dear Ms. Harris:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report: "Data Center Optimization: Additional Agency Actions Needed to Meet OMB Goals" (GAO-19-241), dated April 11, 2019. In the report, GAO recommended that the NRC take action to meet the data center optimization metric targets established under the Data Center Optimization Initiative by the Office of Management and Budget.

The NRC agrees with this recommendation and will continue to work towards meeting these targets. Towards this end, the NRC recently completed the installation of power metering tools and is in the process of establishing an effectiveness baseline for power usage and evaluating server utilization.

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to provide agency actions taken in response to GAO's recommendation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. David J. Nelson, Chief Information Officer, by phone at (301) 415-8700 or by e-mail at [David.Nelson@nrc.gov](mailto:David.Nelson@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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