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The NRC's current mail management program is effective in helping the Agency accomplish its programmatic mission and is measured by effectiveness, efficiency, quality, quantity, and timeliness. There is a high level of user satisfaction as evidenced by few complaints, selection of the lowest cost mode that meets delivery requirements, and delivery of mail within the scheduled time-frame. This rule change would require the Agency to expend resources without enhancing our ability to more effectively carry out our statutorily mandated responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide NRC's comments on this proposed rule. If you would like more information or to discuss these comments, please contact Valeria Wilson, Director, Division of Administrative Services, at 301-415-7435 or e-mail vhw@nrc.gov.

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