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Senior Management FOIA Officials, OGC Staff, Regional Counsels, and FOIA Coordinators and Alternates,

I would like to pass along my sincere appreciation for all the hard work that you have accomplished in support of my staff and the NRC's FOIA program. At the close of the second quarter of FY 2010, we had received 96% of responses within 10 days from the offices for this FY. As a result of your quick actions, we were able to respond to 94% of the simple FOIA requests within 20 days and 100% of the complex requests within 180 days. This response rate is outstanding given the fact that we are experiencing a 30% increase in the number of requests and appeals received this year compared with the same time period in FY 2009. As a comparison from this year to last - as of March 31, 2010, we had received 203 requests (including appeals) as compared to 143 requests (including appeals) as of March 31, 2009.

I also appreciate your efforts to comply with the new FOIA guidelines issued by the President and the Attorney General (AG) wherein agencies are required to adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, to make discretionary releases in response to requests for records, and to not withhold records simply because a FOIA exemption might allow withholding. As the AG indicated in his memorandum, "responsibility for effective FOIA administration belongs to all of us - it is not merely a task assigned to an agency's FOIA staff." The NRC's FOIA program is successful because of you and the importance you have placed on completing the assigned FOIA actions.

Thank you. I sincerely appreciate all that you do.

Donna Sealing
FOIA/Privacy Act Officer

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