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Peter,

In response to your E-mail on March 2, 2012, the attached provides the status of the NRC actions associated with the recommendations in GAO Report GAO-08-403, *Nuclear Security: Action May Be Needed to Reassess the Security of NRC-Licensed Research Reactors*.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 415-1785.

Best Regards,

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From: Ruedel, Peter E [mailto:RuedelP@gao.gov]
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Greetings,

I was the analyst-in-charge of U.S. Research and Test Reactor GAO Review completed 4 to 5 years ago. (GAO Report GAO-08-403, *Nuclear Security: Action May Be Needed to Reassess the Security of NRC-Licensed Research Reactors*, engagement code 360905.) As part of our administrative process, we have to follow-up on recommendations made in our reports. We would like to know what action, if any, NRC has take to address the following report recommendations.

1. **Recommendation:** To better understand and prepare for the potential consequences of a terrorist attack on NRC-licensed research reactors, the Chairman of NRC should reassess the consequences of terrorist attacks on NRC-licensed research reactors using assumptions that better reflect a fuller range of outside expert opinion on the security of reactors and the capabilities of potential terrorist forces.
2. **Recommendation:** If NRC finds that the consequences of an attack on a research reactor are more severe than previously estimated, the Chairman of NRC should reexamine emergency response requirements to address whether evacuation plans should be included.

If you cannot assist me with this inquiry, please let me know who I can contact at NRC concerning the status of these recommendations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Peter