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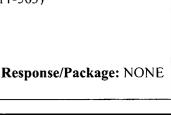
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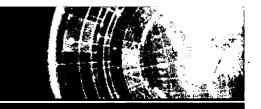
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## Jaegers, Cathy

From: Sent: To: Subject: Hobson, Anne C [HobsonA@gao.gov] Thursday, May 24, 2012 4:03 PM Arildsen, Jesse GAO-11-563 Recommendation Follow-Up

Hi Jesse,

Thanks so much for all of the documentation you previously sent on NRC actions taken that were relevant to the recommendations we made in our underground piping systems report (GAO-11-563). After reviewing this information, we would like to try and close out the second recommendation in that report, which was that NRC staff:

"Periodically evaluate the extent to which the industry's voluntary Groundwater Protection Initiative will result in prompt detection of leaks and, based upon these evaluations, determine whether the agency should expand its groundwater monitoring requirements."

The March 14, 2012 letter sent to GAO by Chairman Jaczko summarizing NRC's responses to GAO recommendations states on pg. 19 that, "The NRC is actively staying abreast of industry research efforts via participation in ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Committees, interaction with EPRI personnel, information sharing with other agencies and participation in international meetings to discuss inspection technology for buried and underground piping." Would it be possible for NRC to provide some documentation of these activities (i.e. meeting minutes, correspondence, etc.)? Such documentation would be very helpful in working to close out this recommendation.

Please feel free to call me at the number below if you have any questions.

Thanks, Anne

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