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**Cc:** [Yimam, Menelik](#); [Corley, Cherrie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Updating Policy Documents to Reflect Organizational Changes Effective November 1  
**Date:** Friday, November 27, 2015 8:58:49 AM

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Vickie,  
I approve.  
Regards,  
Darren

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**From:** Smith, Vickie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:46 PM  
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**Cc:** Yimam, Menelik <Menelik.Yimam@nrc.gov>; Corley, Cherrie <Cherrie.Corley@nrc.gov>  
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Hi, Darren.

Attached you will find an updated version of the TechStat Policy in need of your review and approval. It was updated to address one of Tim McCrosson's comments on the NRC Common Baseline Plan (see original email to Cherrie below). She was going to bring this to your attention once all questions were addressed that affected the CPIC Policy so you could review and approve the changes to both at the same time.

Since the decisions on the items below are still pending and will need to be reflected in the CPIC Policy when decided, I thought you might want to get the updated TechStat Policy approved and posted to the public now rather than waiting.

Pending Decisions

- SSG dollar threshold (or exception/separate process for handling IT acquisitions)
- DAAs for non-major systems

Once these decisions are made, I will make the final changes to the CPIC Policy and send it to you for approval. Ideally both documents should be made publicly available by December 31, 2015.

Thank you in advance.

*Vickie*

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**From:** Smith, Vickie  
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Hi, Cherrie.

As mentioned on Friday, I took another look at the TechStat Policy based on the comments from OMB for E.1/E.2 and found places where we had partially addressed their concerns. I marked those areas with comments and also added and strengthen areas to hopefully fully address their comments below:

“I appreciate the notifications to eGov for TechStats in <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1523/ML15231A607.pdf>. However there is no indication of reporting to the IDC. The other thing I notice about the TechStat outcomes is that they are point-in-time oriented. My experience is that we often take a deep dive into an investment and come to the realization that it should be terminated only after all other options to recover it have been tried. Is there any consideration about monitoring an investment closely for a number of months to see if corrective actions are having the right effect?”

You can let me know what you and Darren think when you get back to me after Wednesday regarding my questions/comments in the CPIC Policy document.

On a related note, I think some of the other comments by OMB and by OGP about certain processes will be addressed when I finish a more detailed process document I have been working on. Originally Darren had stated that he only needed to see and approve the policy documents with the high-level process overviews. In light of the fact that this document contains detail that will better satisfy OMB and OGP, do you think he will now want to review and approve it and have it posted to the NRC IT Policy Archive page with the policy documents?

*Vickie*

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