

August 10, 2016

Mr. J. Christopher Mihm
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Dear Mr. Mihm:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing in response to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report, GAO-16-510, "Agencies Need to Fully Identify and Report Major Management Challenges and Actions to Resolve Them in Their Agency Performance Plans," dated June 15, 2016.

In the report, the GAO recommends the following: "The Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission should affirmatively state that the agency does not have major management challenges when applicable in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's agency performance plan."

The NRC agrees with this recommendation. In the development of future agency performance plans (APPs), if the agency does not identify any major management challenges that meet the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA) definition, the APP will include a clear statement to that effect. If NRC does identify any major GPRAMA-defined management challenges the agency will clearly list and describe them in the APP, in accordance with guidance from Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11, "Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget."

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the recommendation in the GAO report. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Jolicoeur by phone at 301-415-1642 or email at John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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